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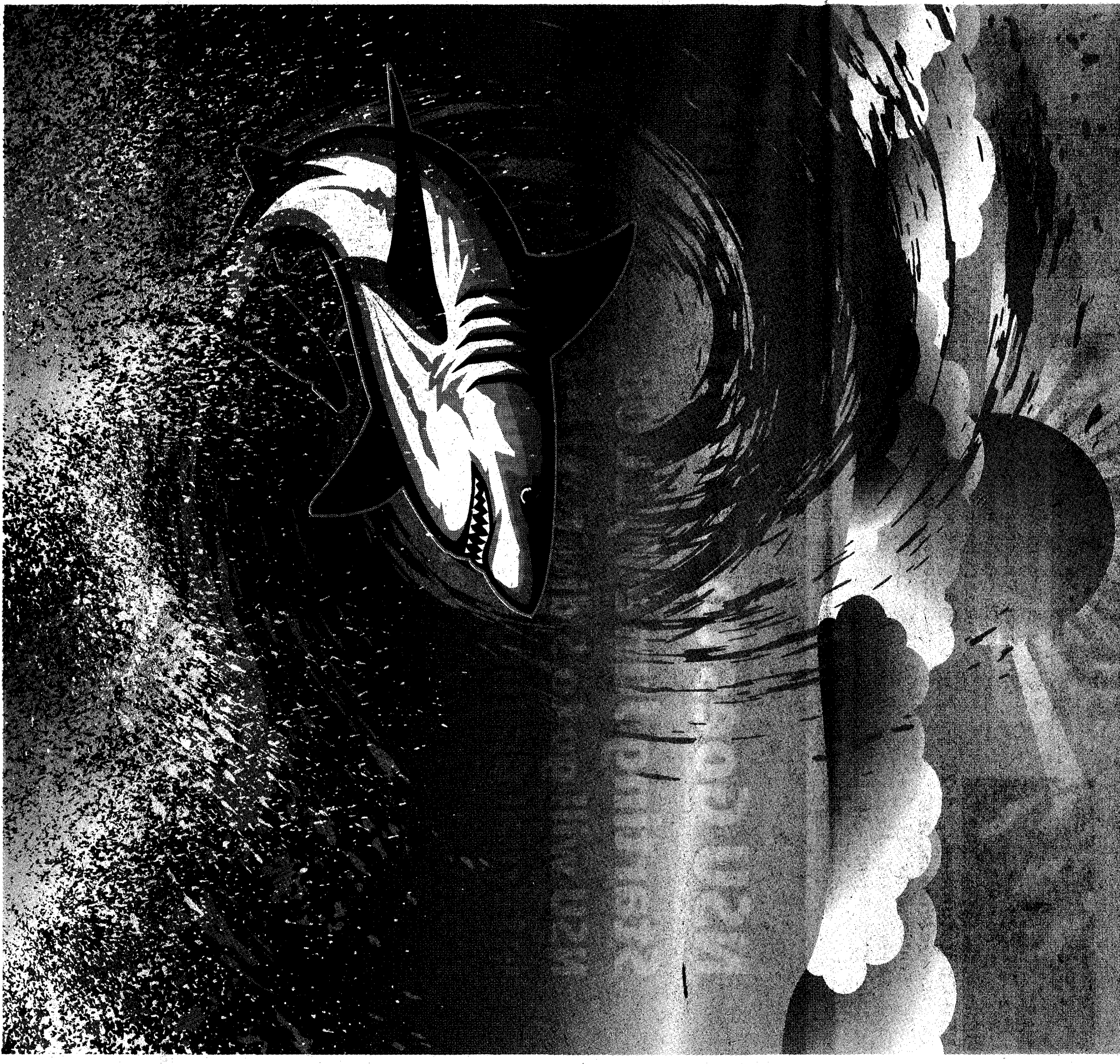
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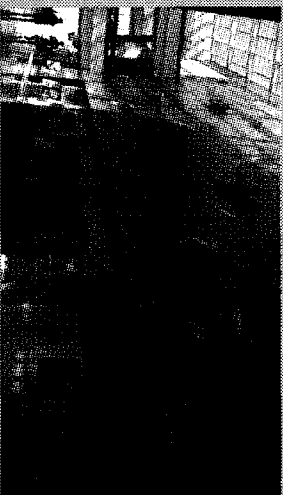
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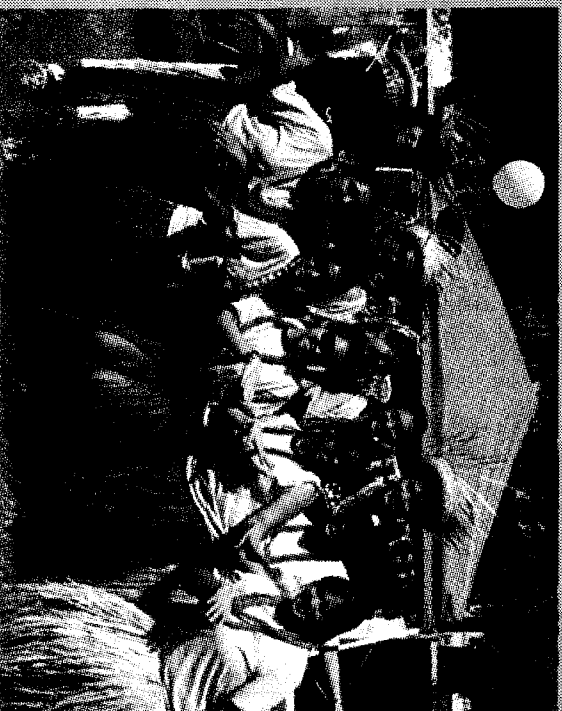
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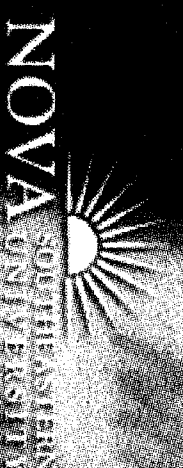
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Editor's Note

Michael Bergbauer
Editor in Chief, *The Current*

To all the new students at NSU: I'm sure you've all heard "greetings and welcome to NSU" more times than you can count by now, and if you plan on reading this whole paper, you're bound to hear it a few more times. In that spirit, let me cut to the chase.

This is the orientation edition of *The Current* – the student newspaper at NSU. In it, you will find all kinds of coverage about student organizations, Greek life, sports and the general workings of the campus. It is essentially a big handy guide to NSU and the surrounding area, so you will probably want to hang on to it for awhile.

I am the Editor in Chief of *The Current*. Of his/her many responsibilities, the Editor in Chief addresses the NSU community every week with an "Editor's Note" (just like this one). Good notes usually try to provoke some thought, inspire some action, or impart some wisdom to NSU community. To those ends, one must ask or answer a question, such as "how can one best spend their time at college?" College is a very special experience. Law may declare you an adult when you turn 18, but you have never learned as much before as you will from now till graduation. The purpose of college is to learn – not just the fundamentals of your discipline, but about life.

You have probably heard of college preparatory school. Ironically, college is really just life preparatory school. The entire campus is a microcosm – a little society. No matter your discipline, you learn about government through the student government, bureaucracy through the financial aid system, rules and law through the university administration and work



ethic and responsibility from your studies. Beyond that, you meet new people, join clubs, take electives and attend events and lectures. These teach you about yourself and that is what makes college such an important experience.

Welcome to these training grounds. Learn as much as possible. Experience everything you can. Try everything (but don't change your major too many times). The coming times are ones of opportunity, change and expansion for you. I hope you enjoy them.

Culture on Campus NSU finds the art connoisseur in you...

Racquel Fagon
Variety Editor



NSU reiterates its stance on a well-rounded education, as all year round the institution provides stimulating cultural experiences that ignite the artistic match that is present in all of us. NSU makes culture readily available through the various productions put on by the NSU theater ensemble and the Alvin Sherman Library, which showcases exotic and brilliant exhibits throughout the year and lectures that focus on culture, literature and art from countries across the globe.

With the option to acquire a degree in performing arts, the theater at NSU is in full force with regular productions to instruct and to entertain NSU's thespian community. The 2007-08 production season has made the Black Box Theatre a familiar venue for many, hosting plays such as *The Women of Lockerbie* – a play that depicts the turmoil of local women and a grieving American mother brought on by a Pan Am flight that crashed in Lockerbie, killing everyone on board. Throughout the staging of the play, pictures of the the plane crash and of victims being taken out of the wreckage were placed on the exterior walls of the Black Box Theater, setting the overall tone for the play.

The biggest production for the season was the "modern and hip" retelling of the renowned play *Cinderella* by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein III. The play featured NSU's all star cast Lauren Butler, Robyn Shapillo, Sammy Garcia Jr, Colin Morgan and others. The director, Jeff Canary, transformed Cinderella's step-sisters

into a punk-rock brat and a drag queen, and added funky dance-offs and unforgettable townspeople to the play.

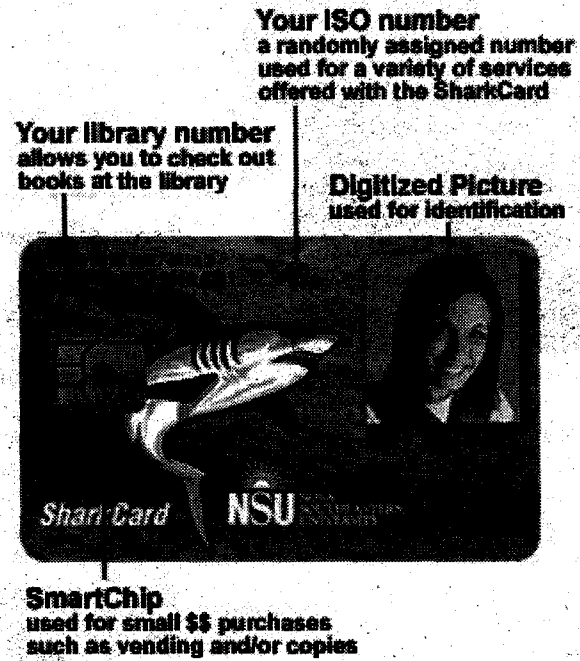
The Director's Festival of One-Acts, at the close of the season, is also an annual production that features the talents of students and faculty as directors and actors.

For the appreciation of art and artifacts, The Alvin Sherman Library has exhibits on cultural events and art collections that tantalize the artistic sense and edify the mind. Previous exhibits have included an annual African Presence Art Exhibition entitled "A Continent of Cultural Treasures." This exhibit is showcased throughout the month of February and is in its fifth year. It features over 100 items, including African masks, baskets, musical instruments, prints and paintings. Another exhibit from last year was the "Hidden Adventure" Uruguay Art Exhibit, which featured photographs that focused on the ecotourism of the country. The exhibit showed the country through a tourist eye that students could easily and readily appreciate.

Where there is art, there will be discussions about art and the Lifelong Learning Institute hosts regular lecture series that delineate specific topics in literature, art and culture, from European and American witch hunts to French literature and even Japanese culture. These lecture series find the individual connoisseur in students by introducing and discussing a wide array of topics and interests.

NSU's SharkCard: Students' Primary Means of Navigating Through Campus

Tanya Parnes
NSU News Editor



The SharkCard is an essential component of NSU's campus environment. The card, which features the student's name and photograph, NSU's Shark logo, the student's library card number and other identifying information, is set on a bright blue background and is available to all incoming students. Students who go through orientation will be directed towards the card office, which is located on the first floor of the University Center, to take their photographs and receive their SharkCards. All other students who do not go through orientation can visit the card office at any time to receive their SharkCards.

The SharkCard serves many different functions at NSU. In addition to being the primary form of identification for all NSU students, the card is used for several other important purposes including library usage, meal plans, vending machine purchases, photocopying, parking and building access.

Students need their SharkCards to gain entrance into the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center, which is the main library on NSU's campus. There is a machine located by the front door and students must swipe their cards in order to enter the facility. Students will receive a \$75 balance on their SharkCards every year, which can only be used for printing purposes. This money does not come from the student activities fees, but rather from a separate account set aside for NSU students each year. It takes twenty-four hours from the time the card is issued for the money to show up in the students' accounts. Students can use their cards to print items in the main library as well as in the other labs throughout campus. This money will remain on their SharkCards throughout the course of the fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends on June 30. At that time, any money that was not used is forfeited and the \$75 balance renews itself once again for the following school year.

The SharkCard is necessary for checking out all materials from the library. Students need their SharkCards in order to rent out study rooms throughout the course of the day. Students can also use their SharkCards to pay their library dues and fines. There are machines located throughout the library which allow students to add money on their SharkCards.

Students can put up to \$99 onto their cards that can be used to pay their library fees, vending purchases and copy machine fees.

All students who live in the Leo Goodwin Sr. residence hall and The Commons residence hall are required to enroll in NSU's Declining Balance Meal Plan, which is a \$1,200 declining balance that is added on to their SharkCards at the beginning of the semester to be used for food. Any leftover money at the end of the

fall semester rolls over to the winter term. However, any leftover money at the end of the winter term will be forfeited. Therefore students have until May 15 to use the meal plan money on their SharkCards.

Students are not required to enroll in these meal plans over the summer terms but they do have the option of adding money to their SharkCards if they wish to do so. Any money that is not used during the summer will continue to roll over to other semesters because that money is part of the optional meal plan which has no end date. Students also have the option of getting the excess money returned to them after the summer term is complete if they choose to do so. They must request to have this money reversed. As long as they do not have any outstanding bills or dues they will be issued a check directly from the university for the full refund amount. If however, they owe money for tuition or other purposes, NSU will use the excess funds to pay off the students' balances, before issuing the full refund check.

Students who are not required to enroll in the meal plan as well as those who wish to add more money to their SharkCards can do so at any time. Money can be added in \$100 increments. Since this money is optional, these funds continue to roll over from one semester to the next and the same policies regarding refunds for unused money apply. Students can access the SharkCard link from NSU's Web site and use the Web Revalue option, which allows them to use their credit cards to add money directly onto their SharkCards, or they can go into the card office to add money on to their cards. Students can either fill out a form or access the same online Web Revalue option from the card office as well, if they prefer to charge the balance to their credit cards, instead of having it billed to their student accounts. In both cases however, the card office must swipe the card in order for the funds to properly transfer. Therefore students must stop by the card office after the money has been added through the Web Revalue option in order to ensure that the correct balance shows up on their SharkCards.

Students can also put cash onto their SharkCards which can be used for several other purposes such as photocopying, vending machine purchases, and other food purchases throughout campus. This money can be added to the SharkCard at any time through special machines located in various locations across campus. This money is considered cash on the card and takes twenty four hours to show up on the SharkCard. If the student has excess funds on the card and wishes to receive a refund he or she must tell the card office. The office will put in the request and it

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Do You Have Integrity? Success and NSYOU!

Contributed by The Academic Integrity Committee

Academic integrity. Many students may cringe at these two words and ask "what is that?" The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines integrity as the "steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code." However, we should also discuss the opposite of academic integrity: academic dishonesty. A student is academically dishonest when they cheat. Academic cheating (including plagiarism) in college is not a new phenomenon. However, the prevalence and acceptance of this behavior is increasing. Students have been doing this for years and may not even know it (at least that is one excuse that professors hear quite often!). If a student cheats on a test, copies a paper, buys a paper or simply does not cite work they've "borrowed" from a source, they are exercising academic dishonesty. Believe it or not, a student is also academically dishonest when they submit their own original work that they have submitted to a previous class to another class. Student Raquel Palacio says, "I don't know why using your own work would be plagiarism. It's my work. I did it. Why should I have to cite it or be accused of plagiarism?" Although Palacio makes a valid point, professors are attempting to prevent students from recycling their work from one class to another. The whole purpose of pursuing higher education is to expand your knowledge and grow both intellectually and personally. Therefore, it is the goal of the professor to promote this growth by instituting this requirement. When professors refer to a student's academic integrity, they refer to the student being honest and striving towards their academic success.

Who cheats?

Everybody cheats, but like your parents always said, that doesn't make it right. Cheating is not a gender, race, or age specific phenomenon, although there does appear to be some differences in cheating prevalence in these demographics. In a study conducted in 2003, there was a general finding that females are less likely to cheat than males and younger students are more likely to cheat than older, non-traditional students.¹ It is possible that gender differences in cheating behavior are largely due to females being more likely to be deterred by academic integrity policies compared to males.²

Why do they cheat?

There are certain contextual variables that make it more likely for students to cheat. The most influential factor in determining whether or not someone will cheat is reported to be peer influence.³ Another reason why students may cheat is based on a lack of confidence in their writing skills. As a student, you have access to NSU's Office of Academic Services, which can help you develop your skills and make sure that you strive towards a good grade. The Office of Academic Services will not write a paper for you, but they do offer wonderful skills that can enhance your education.

Importantly, students' perceptions of their learning experience also influence the likelihood to cheat. Students are less likely to cheat when they perceive their professors as enthusiastic and fair and when they recognize a real life or intrinsic value in learning.⁴ Students may also feel pressured to take short cuts since they may have a full schedule between classes, work and a social life. As a college student,

you will be faced with many new responsibilities, including managing your time wisely and prioritizing. That means that you may not be able to go out on Friday to that great new club on South Beach since you have a 10 page paper due on Monday. Prioritizing and practicing time management skills will help you meet your academic responsibilities while still enjoying your time as a college student.

How do students cheat?

Now, this isn't a "how to" manual where the professors are giving you ideas on how to get away with cheating. The following should be taken as a "how *not* to" manual so that you don't mistakenly compromise your academic integrity.

- Students shouldn't share their work with friends who "just want to get an idea" on how to do an assignment. This can certainly lead to a student being tempted to borrow some or all of the assignment.
- Getting help on an online assignment or exam and passing it on as your own is not allowed. All online assignments and exams are meant to be taken by the student that is enrolled for that class. This also means that you shouldn't be working on assignments or exams with other students enrolled in the same class.
- Simple but often forgotten: Do not buy your paper, assignment, exam or *anything* that you are going to submit for a grade. If you are not doing the work yourself, it's wrong and you cannot submit it.
- Proofread your papers and make sure that you have cited all ideas or quotes. Remember, if you got an idea from a source, you still have to cite it even if it is in your own words.
- Finally, during exams, don't look or talk to another student or try to get hints. The only things that you should be prepared to do on exam day are concentrating and remembering everything that you've studied.

Why should you care?

The rationale for the "wrongness" of cheating can vary from student to student; the arguments usually fall somewhere in the spectrum from "it is immoral and therefore intolerable" to "it is wrong because if I get caught I will be in trouble." There appears to be a very clear distinction between these two arguments. A report on academic dishonesty from Boise State University found that "students who reported that their personal morality would deter cheating also reported less actual cheating. However, students who indicated that the possibility of getting caught would deter their cheating reported more cheating incidents."⁵ In other words, not cheating for moral reasons (as opposed to fear of sanctions) makes it more likely one will in fact not cheat. As Assistant Professor, Ellen Kracoff says, "I think students cheat because they believe that it is a victimless crime. Little do they know that they themselves become the victims by cheating themselves of

the education that they paid for." At some point, everyone needs to question his or her true morality – independent of administrative consequences – and those that seek morality will ultimately be rewarded. In fact, maintaining a high moral standard does more than help you sleep better at night. A study found that students who have strong "academic ethics" were not only less likely to cheat, but also achieved greater academic success (higher GPAs) compared to students who cheated.⁶ At NSU, violations of academic standards are taken very seriously and are handled by the Office of the Dean.⁷

Academic Integrity and NSYou!

The Undergraduate Student Catalogue provides additional information into Student conduct and Academic Integrity. The purpose of the NSU Code of Student Conduct is to "promote high standards of behavior and academic integrity by setting forth the responsibilities of students as members of the university community." As a college, we strive to maintain academic integrity and although deterrents are in place to dissuade cheating, integrity needs to be a personal commitment we all individually uphold. When the temptation to cheat is there, you need to keep in mind your actual motivation for being in school: is it to get an "A" in Biology or is it to learn? Having a nicely framed piece of paper on your wall stating that you are educated does not make it so. Unless the actual knowledge is truly earned and learned, how will you succeed in your future endeavors? Strive for the "A," and in the process, strive for integrity! As American engineer and architect Buckminster Fuller said, "[i]ntegrity is the essence of everything successful." Go out there and be a success. Your integrity will not only define you as a college student, but will also define you as a person.

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takes about two weeks for the student to receive a check from the university. NSU has plans to allow students to use this cash on their cards for other purposes in the future, such as paying tuition fees, parking tickets, purchases at the bookstore and many other things but these options are still being discussed at the moment.

The SharkCard is also used for gaining access into several other facilities throughout campus such as the RecPlex, the parking garages and residential halls. Students who wish to use the RecPlex must have their SharkCards with them to gain access. If they have any holds on their account their SharkCard will not allow them entrance into the RecPlex. SharkCards are also needed in order to enter the parking garages and several parking lots throughout campus. Students also need their SharkCards to gain

entrance into many of the residential halls. Those who do not live in the residential halls need to show their SharkCards at the front desk as a form of identification.

If students lose their SharkCards, there is a \$25 replacement fee for issuing a new one. Any declining balance money will be transferred from the old card on to the new one. However, any money in the cash balance part of the SharkCard will be lost. When students have holds on their accounts, their SharkCards will not allow them to check out library books, work out in the RecPlex or add money to their declining meal plan balances. Students who have further questions or concerns can visit the SharkCard Web site at <http://www.nova.edu/nsucard/index.html>, or contact the Campus Card Services office at (954) 262-8929 or at nsucard@nsu.nova.edu.

NSU Goes Paperless NSU eBill to replace paper billing statements as of July 2008

To better serve the NSU community, the Bursar's Office is introducing electronic billing (eBill). As of July 2008, NSU eBill will be the official means of generating and delivering billing statements to all NSU students. Paper billing statements will no longer be sent through the USPS.

Each time a billing statement is available, a courtesy email will be sent to the student's NSU email account that the statement is ready to be viewed. The student may also provide personal email addresses to which notification will be sent. In addition, students can designate authorized users, such as parents or a spouse, who will receive the notification.

NSU eBill offers many benefits: online billing statements are easily accessible

from a secure site and can be viewed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students can view the history of their past statements, make online payments by using a credit card or electronic check and obtain up-to-date account information. eBill is also friendly to the environment by allowing both students and the university to reduce paper usage.

Students are asked to verify their email addresses in order to receive set up instructions for their NSU eBill account.

For more information, please visit the NSU eBill Web site at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/bursar/ebill> or contact the University Bursar's Office by phone at (954) 262-5200 or 800-541-6682 ext. 5200.

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Message from the Dean

Dear New Students,

Welcome to Nova Southeastern University and the beginning of your undergraduate career. I am confident that the years between orientation and graduation will define your future, your talents, skills and your convictions and interests. Discover as much as you can about yourself during this time and you will grow and develop in ways you cannot yet imagine. Take advantage of the many programs and choices that we offer. Take reasonable academic risks and you will become a stronger presence in your world, a more confident critical thinker with well-honed abilities in your areas of specialty and hold a broader understanding of life.

General education requirements and the electives that round out your studies are designed to complement your major, minors and certificate programs in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. The college enhances these offerings with the direct support of faculty, academic advisors and staff, who help you fulfill your academic, professional, and personal goals. These people are available to assist you to find out more about the array of options available to you as a member of the college community. They can also help you define ways to develop your academic capabilities further or design the strongest preparations for professional or graduate school.

There are ways to make your undergraduate career more inspiring as it fulfills your personal and career goals. Be curious and adventurous. Take the initiative to ask questions of anyone who can be helpful to you, inside and outside the classroom. You will make new friends, gain mentors, and learn more about yourself.

Venture into classes and events that open you to subjects and fields you have not

originally considered. Give yourself a wider academic base by making broad use of your electives. Take advantage of cultural experiences that are new to you. At lectures, panel discussions and other events, you can benefit from the expertise of faculty members you would not otherwise meet. A travel study program, student organization or internship could open a door into an interest that will last you the rest of your life.

Our Distinguished Speaker Series offers lectures by outstanding leaders in many different fields, including Nobel Laureates, world leaders and others. The college's annual academic theme also gives rise to special events and presentations of many kinds. The academic theme for 2008-09 is "Life and Death," so expect many Faculty Lecture Series presenters, Distinguished Speakers, and others to explore this fascinating, multi-faceted topic with insightful and detailed examination.

During your undergraduate years, you will find opportunities for immediate enjoyment and long-term rewards. Reach a little farther than you think you can, and use the college resources to support your efforts.

Look forward to meeting you and hearing about the ways you make your career at NSU more fulfilling to your needs, goals, and interests.

Sincerely,

Don Rosenblum, Ph.D.
Dean, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences

Do You Have Health Insurance?

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

Full-time students in the Health Professions Division, Professional and Liberal Studies Program, international students and residential housing students are required to provide proof of current health insurance coverage. All other NSU students (including online students) are not required to provide proof of coverage.

NSU's health insurance provider is Blue Cross Blue Shield and has emergency room coverage, hospitalization benefits, prescription benefits, surgical benefits and pregnancy benefits. NSU's health insurance plan does have its restrictions, such as a \$150 deductible per policy year, which means that you are responsible for the first \$150 in billed charges for the policy year. This deductible is waived if care is received by a NSU physician located at one of the NSU medical facilities. In addition, injuries that occur during intercollegiate athletics are not covered by the NSU health insurance plan.

Students who already have health insurance are required to complete a Proof of Health Insurance waiver form. Students will be required to provide personal information and current insurance information (company name, policy name,

policy number, address and phone number of the company). The insurance policy must have maximum plan coverage of at least \$200,000 per incident, and also be accepted in Florida or the NSU Health Clinic. Students who do not complete the waiver form will be enrolled in the NSU endorsed student health insurance program and the fees for coverage will be charged on their NSU student account. Students will also receive a health insurance card and other information from the current insurance carrier about the coverage.

Students who wish to enroll on a voluntary basis can do so after June 1, 2008, once they have registered for the fall semester. Students also have the option to enroll online by logging on to www.collegiatrisk.com. You will be required to pay the enrollment form by credit card. The deadline for voluntary enrollment is September 15 2008. Continuing students who do not enroll by the September 15 deadline will be eligible for coverage the following academic year.

For more information about the health insurance policy, visit the NSU health insurance website at <http://www.nova.edu/smc>.

Premium Rates

PA, PT, AA, and OT (Final year OT covered until 12/31/08)	Annual 6/1/08 – 5/31/09	Fall 6/1/08 – 12/31/08	Winter 1/1/09 – 5/31/09
Student	\$1,739	\$1,014	\$725
Spouse	\$4,340	\$2,532	\$1,808
Per Child	\$2,893	\$1,688	\$1,205

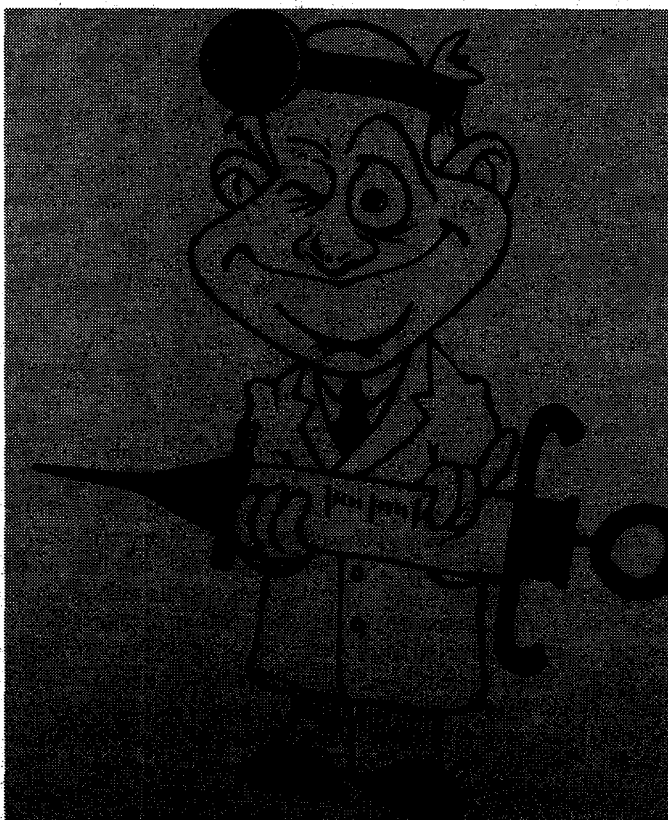
Final Year PA, PT, AA	Annual 6/1/08 – 8/31/09	Fall 6/1/08 – 12/31/08	Winter 1/1/09 – 8/31/09
Student	\$2,174	\$1,268	\$906
Spouse	\$5,425	\$3,165	\$2,260
Per Child	\$3,617	\$2,110	\$1,507

Osteopathic Medicine	Annual 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	Fall 7/1/08 – 12/31/08	Winter 1/1/09 – 6/30/09
Student	\$1,739	\$870	\$869
Spouse	\$4,340	\$2,170	\$2,170
Per Child	\$2,893	\$1,447	\$1,446

All Students (except DO, PA, PT, OT, AA, Vascular, Audiology)	Annual 8/1/08 – 7/31/09	Fall 8/1/08 – 12/31/08	Winter 1/1/09 – 7/31/09
Student	\$1,739	\$725	\$1,014
Spouse	\$4,340	\$1,808	\$2,532
Per Child	\$2,893	\$1,205	\$1,688

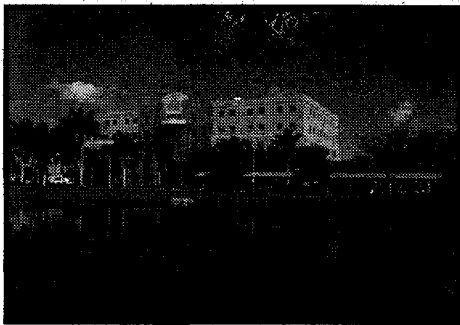
Vascular Sonography and Audiology	Annual 9/1/08 – 8/31/09	Fall 9/1/08 – 12/31/08	Winter 1/1/09 – 8/31/09
Student	\$1,739	\$580	\$1,159
Spouse	\$4,340	\$1,447	\$2,893
Per Child	\$2,893	\$964	\$1,929

Post Graduate Dental Students	Annual 7/1/08 – 6/30/09	Fall 7/1/08 – 12/31/08	Winter 1/1/09 – 6/30/09
Student	\$1,739	\$870	\$869
Spouse	\$4,340	\$2,170	\$2,170
Per Child	\$2,893	\$1,447	\$1,446



Getting to Know NSU

Tanya Parnes
NSU News Editor



Health Professions Division (HPD) is a \$70 million complex that houses six colleges which are divided up into eight buildings that cover 21 acres of campus. HPD has a total student body population of more than 2,500 students and offers over 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the HPD Library, an outpatient health care center and a pharmaceutical health care center. HPD is also home to the Student Medical Center, which provides medical care to all collegiate. There are also several dining facilities located in HPD, including a food court area by the main entrance.



Shepard Broad Law Center offers a wide variety of program options to its students including the traditional Juris Doctorate (J.D.), a Critical Skills Program (CSP), International Programs, Clinical Programs, Certificate Programs with concentrations in Health Law and International Law, non law degree programs and Joint Degrees including the J.D./M.B.A., J.D./M.S. in Computer and Information Sciences, J.D./M.S. or Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and the J.D./M.U.R.P. with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. The law school also houses the Law Library & Technology Center, which offers a wireless network that allows students access to all of the various sources and resources within the law center. The Law Library contains over 358,000 volumes and volume equivalents of both primary and secondary sources of U.S. law. There are also several study rooms available for law students.

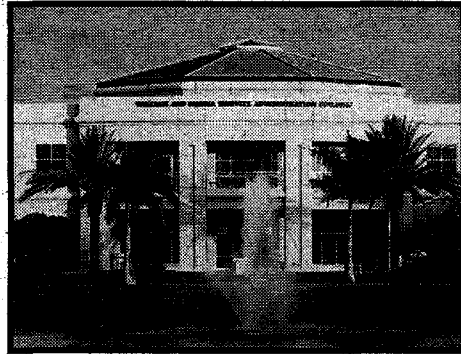
Athletic and Student Affairs Building (ASA) is home to NSU's Athletics departments on both the second and third floors. The first floor includes the office of the Dean of Student Affairs, NSU Office of Student Engagement and *The Current* newspaper office.



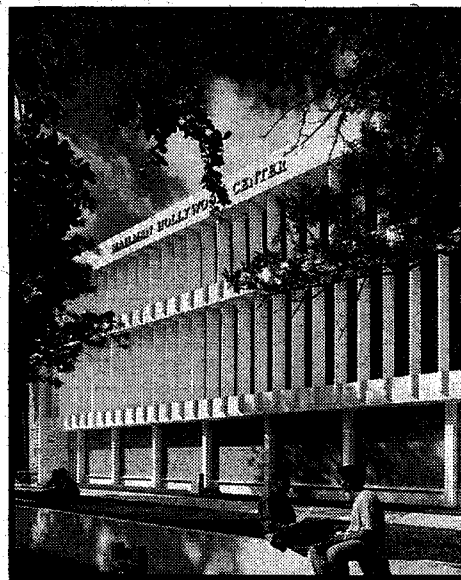
Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies is housed in the Jim & Jan Moran Family Center Village and offers various services to families and children designed to strengthen and enhance the healthy development of children. The Mailman Institute offers early childhood and education programs, community outreach, advocacy and summer camp programs.

Rosenthal Student Center (Rosenthal), more commonly referred to as "the old Flight Deck," is one of the central locations on campus. The Office of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs is located on the first floor, along with the offices of NSU's Radio

X. The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and the Office of Public Affairs is located on the second floor, along with the Spiritual Life Lounge – a safe space that was created for students and faculty of all spiritual backgrounds in which to sit and reflect about whatever issues they would like to discuss.



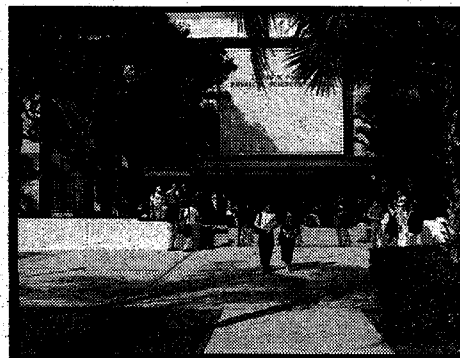
Horvitz Administration Building (Horvitz) is the central administrative building on NSU's campus. The One Stop Shop is located on the first floor and students can go there to meet with the registrar, the bursar, financial aid specialists and take care of all financial obligations including tuition fees, parking issues and other concerns. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. Horvitz is also home to the executive and administrative offices of NSU, which are located throughout the building.



Mailman-Hollywood Building (Mailman) is the other administrative building on campus that also offers several classes to undergraduate students. There are several executive offices located throughout the three story building including the Office of the Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. There is an auditorium on the second floor of the building that is often utilized for both educational and entertainment purposes. There is also a large parking lot located in between Mailman and Horvitz. This lot is commonly referred to as the Mailman parking lot and is used mainly by commuter students as well as guests visiting NSU's campus.



Maltz Psychology Building (Maltz) is the home of the Center for Psychological Studies, which includes various Master's and Doctoral programs. The building is equipped with a number of classrooms, conference rooms and a computer lab located on the second floor. Professors' offices are located throughout the building and the faculty directory can be found on the first floor.



Parker Building (Parker) is the main educational building for the undergraduate students at NSU. There is a computer and printer available for students' use on the first floor as well as Outtakes convenience store which sells food, beverages and sundries. In addition to the classrooms, which are located throughout the first, second and third floors, Parker is home to several other important offices at NSU. Public Safety is located on the first floor and students can go there with any and all safety concerns about the university. Public Safety provides student handbooks regarding safety on campus, offers personal escorts for students during the evenings, and provides campus wide security during the day and the night. The Student Counseling office is located on the first floor, and provides individual, partner and group counseling services to students, as well as psychiatric services. The Office of Academic Services is also located on the first floor. Students can go there to receive free tutoring, workshops, and study skills guidance in writing, mathematics, science, and technology courses. Most of the undergraduate professors' offices are also located within the Parker building throughout the first, second and third floors. The directory of their specific office locations is listed on each floor.



Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is the largest library building in the state of Florida and is located right in the center of NSU's campus. This five story facility offers wireless Internet access throughout the building, 22 study rooms, plenty of reading areas and 1,000 user seats. There is a café located on the first floor of the library as well as several computer labs. Students can rent out laptops for use within the library with their SharkCards from these computer labs as well. The reference desk, located on the second floor of the library, assists students in finding proper research materials or with other library related questions. The second floor also has a gallery that features various artistic displays and pieces at different times throughout the semester. There are several conference rooms located throughout the library as well that can be rented out depending upon the size of the event that is to be hosted. The fourth floor of the library is home to the office of Career Services, which helps students create resumes, search for internships and find jobs once they graduate from the university. Attached to the library is the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, which seats 500 and is used for various performances and shows that are hosted by the university throughout the year. The library is a joint-use facility open to the residents of Broward County in addition to the NSU community. There is a five story parking garage located right next to the library. NSU students are allowed to park on the student side of the garage all day long. Students are also allowed to park on the second and third floors of the public side of

the garage until 6 p.m. All other visitors to campus or students who cannot find parking elsewhere are welcome to park in the public parking garage for a fee of \$1 per hour.



Carl DeSantis Building (DeSantis) is home to the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. This state of the art facility includes general classrooms, video/teleconferencing classrooms, a lecture theatre, computer labs, several multipurpose conference rooms, a business/services copy center and a café on the first floor. There are also several administrative offices located throughout the building.

NSU Bookstore is located in University Park Plaza, which is just south of the main entrance to NSU off of University Drive. The bookstore sells textbooks as well as NSU apparel and gifts all year long. Students can place their orders online at <http://nsubooks.bncollege.com> and have them ready for pickup when they get to the store. The bookstore is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

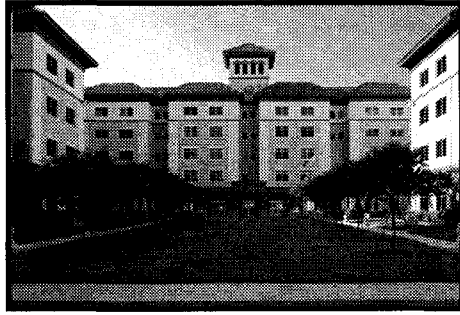
University Center (UC) is the newest addition to NSU's campus. This 366,000 square foot facility has become a critical part of NSU's campus. It contains the RecPlex Fitness Center, a brand new state of the art recreational facility containing 182 pieces of workout equipment, two multipurpose gyms for basketball, volleyball, etc., three multipurpose studios for exercise classes and other activities, three indoor racquetball courts, a convertible Squash Court, an outdoor swimming pool that is heated during the winter, a 27 foot indoor rock climbing wall, personal training and massage therapy, and men's and women's locker rooms fully equipped with showers and saunas. The University Arena is the new home for NSU's basketball and volleyball teams. The arena seats 4,500 people and is fully equipped to serve as a concert venue, convocation center and as a venue for campus-wide entertainment. The arena is well equipped with locker rooms, equipment rooms, a team lounge and other amenities. The University Arts Center is located in the North Wing and is the new home of NSU's theatre, performing and visual arts departments. The center includes a 300 seat performance theatre with full stage capacity for various concerts, plays, movies and lectures. The UC also offers a Black Box theatre that offers various staging options, a professional Scene Shop, a gallery displaying students' art and collections all located on the first floor. The second and third floors are equipped with choral and instrumental rehearsal rooms, six practice studios and acoustic percussion and keyboard labs. The Flight Deck is the on campus hangout equipped with large screen televisions, pool tables, ping pong tables and more. The Flight Deck also serves snacks and alcohol to those students who are old enough to drink. The Campus Card office is located on the first floor of the UC. Students can go to this office to obtain their SharkCard, which is necessary for access into the residential halls, libraries and the various parking gates. The UC Dining Area is located on the first floor of the UC. This food court area features seven different restaurants from which students can select their meals throughout the day. Students can also visit the Wall of History and the Time capsule, located on the first floor in the North Wing of the UC. Students can trace the history of NSU back to its inception in 1964 and observe the time capsule that is set to open up in 2058.



Farquhar, Founders and Vettal (FFV) are the residence halls available to undergraduate upperclassmen who have earned at least 60 college credits. There are single, double and triple options available to students on a first come first serve basis. Each of these halls houses 55 students, comes fully furnished and has a kitchen with a refrigerator and a stove.

Cultural Living Center (CLC) is one of the graduate housing options available to all students enrolled in graduate and doctoral programs at the university. The residence hall houses a total of 125 students in both

single and double rooms that are available on a first come first serve basis. These apartment style rooms come fully furnished and equipped with bathrooms, a full kitchen and living room.



The Commons is the newest residence hall on NSU's campus available to undergraduate students who have obtained at least 30 college credits. The Commons houses 501 students, comes fully furnished and offers a community style living options with an average of five people per suite. There are several classroom and meeting spaces, sixteen community living room areas, and sixteen study rooms. There are

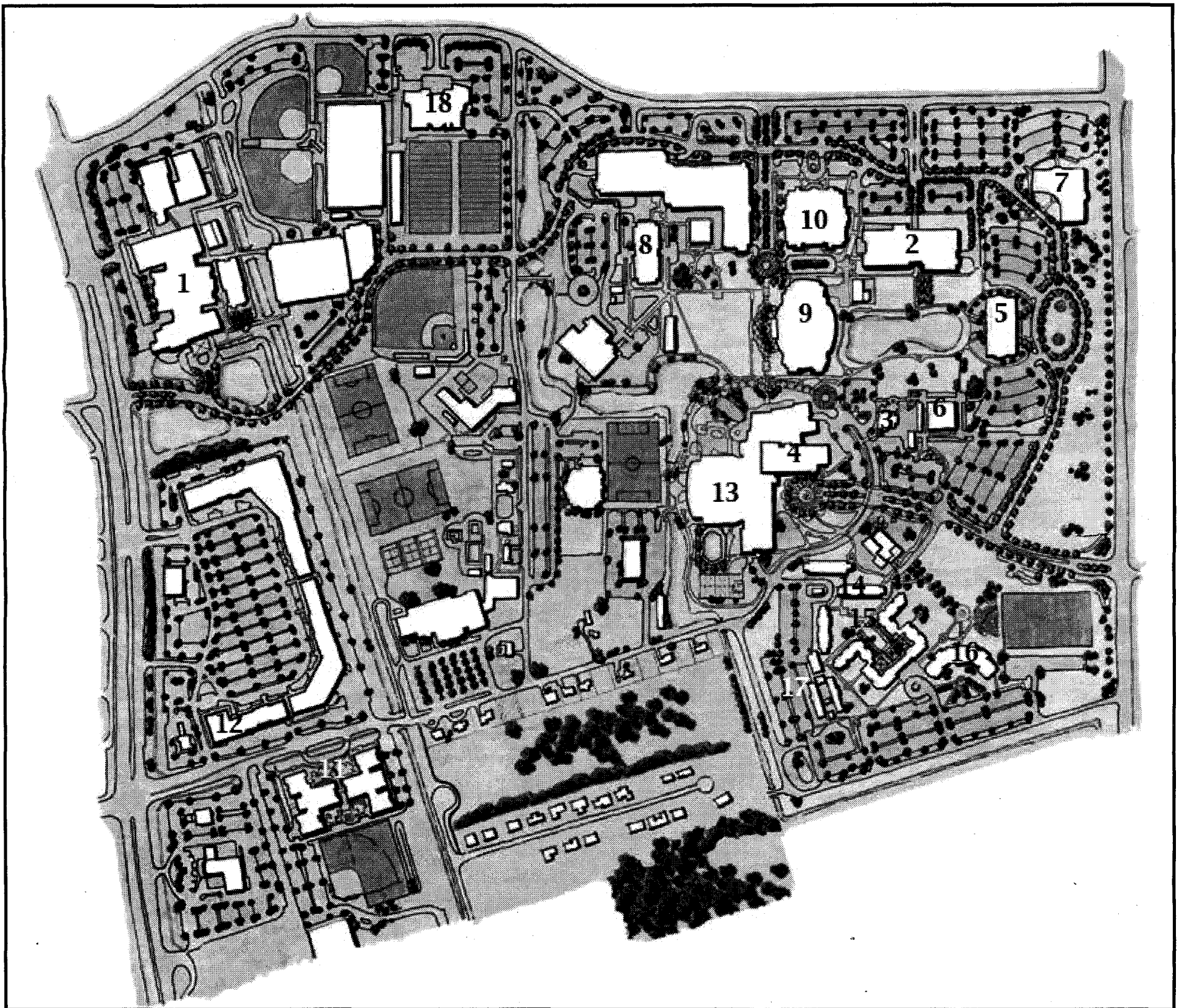
themed housing options available to students as well throughout The Commons.



Leo Goodwin Senior Residence Hall (Goodwin) is the primary freshman living facility that houses 320 students who have between zero and 30 college credits. The building is equipped with single, double and triple rooms that are available on a first come first serve basis. There is a large classroom located on the first floor of the building, a TV lounge and a common kitchen area. There are study lounges on every floor of the building and a computer lab on the fourth floor.

Rolling Hills Graduate Apartments (Rolling Hills) is another graduate housing option available to all students enrolled in graduate and doctoral programs at the university. These apartments house approximately 373 students in both single and quad sized apartments. The rooms come fully furnished and equipped with bathrooms, kitchens as well as living rooms.

Miami Dolphins Training Facility is the practice area for the Miami Dolphins. The facility has an outdoor football field which is reserved solely for the Dolphins for their practices. "The Bubble" is a 96,600 square foot, indoor training facility attached to the west side of the building which is also utilized solely by the Miami Dolphins for practice and is nicknamed for its bubble like appearance.



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The Inside Scoop on Student Counseling

Courtesy of Student Counseling

The first thing you'll notice when you walk through the door of the NSU Student Counseling office (Suite 150 in the Parker Building) is the friendly atmosphere – it feels more like a living room than a waiting room – and the warm greeting you'll receive from Mirna Gonzalez, the office manager. She realizes that many students are uncertain about what to expect from counseling and that this may be a first visit to a counseling office. This attitude of warmth and courteous professionalism is shared throughout the office.

During your initial visit, a counselor will explore what brought you in and what you hope to achieve. We take confidentiality seriously. We won't disclose any information to anyone unless you request that we do so (in writing) or unless you or someone else is in imminent danger of being harmed.

College can be an exciting and wonderful experience, but it can also be incredibly stressful. Whatever you're struggling with, we are here to lend an ear and to offer suggestions for discovering possibilities and initiating changes. You can come alone or bring a partner or friend. Counseling is an excellent way to deal with a whole variety of challenges, from anxiety, panic, or a problematic body image, to bereavement, depression or sexual assault.

Student Counseling's psychiatrist is available to help students with psychiatric needs. Some of the counselors use hypnosis to help students with emotional struggles and test-taking jitters, as well as to assist athletes with getting and staying "in the zone." The rest of us have our own areas of expertise, and we all bring our experience and respect into each session.

Want to know more? Check out our Web site, www.nova.edu/studentcounseling, to find out about whom we are and what we do. We've included a bunch of FAQs and crisis contact numbers, as well as a short video that tours you through the office. You can call us (954-262-7050) anytime (we offer a 24/7 crisis hotline) to ask us anything, or you can just drop in and see us in Parker, Room 150, during office hours.

Message from the Dean College of Pharmacy

Andrés Malavé, M.S., Ph.D., Dean

The Mission of the College of Pharmacy (COP) at NSU is to educate professionals who will address the pharmacy related needs of society. Known for its innovation and quality, the COP prepares pharmacy professionals and scientists to improve health care outcomes through pharmaceutical care in education, research, practice and service. Our vision is to achieve the distinction of being a premier college of pharmacy through our programs of innovative teaching, service, research, and scholarship.

Building upon our already outstanding reputation for pharmacy education, the COP is ready for the future of evolving practices within the pharmacy profession. As part of a university renowned for encouraging innovation, we prepare graduates for lifelong learning, humanitarian care and leadership roles in their professional and personal lives. Our research and scholarly activities emphasize the application and translation of findings to the real-world delivery of patient care; and our multicultural and multilingual students and staff members reflect the diversity of the individuals we serve. Graduates of our college are prepared to transcend the "drug product" to generate real, lasting improvements in healthcare outcomes.

The COP is also poised to advance to the frontlines of global health care, joining the world's top multi-disciplinary health organizations and professionals. New discoveries, challenges and opportunities in pharmacy research, education and health care have positioned the College of Pharmacy to provide our students a cutting-edge, rewarding and challenging professional and educational experience. The COP's Strategic Plan for the Future defines our goals and methods for further improving on our already outstanding reputation in this area. The guiding objective of the plan is to continually raise the bar of excellence by discovering new ways to advance our academic programming and services to benefit local, national and international communities.

The goals of our strategic plan are not static objectives; rather, they are evolving initiatives, enabling us to expand upon and refine our already successful curriculum. In preparing students to be ethical professionals in dynamic health care environments, we focus our programs on four major areas of pharmacy education:

- *The Professional Degree Program* leading to the doctor of pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree emphasizes drug therapy principles, concern for the patient, lifelong learning and community involvement. Our innovative doctor of pharmacy degree program provides the next generation of pharmacy professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to advance patient care.
- *The International Partnerships Program* goes beyond the classroom to establish global research and educational opportunities recognized for their excellence in educational programs and for opportunities to participate in collaborative study, research, and scholarship. The COP recognizes the importance of an international presence and of offering collaborative programs with a wide range of activities to improve students' understanding of diversity in pharmacy practices and knowledge of cross-cultural health care among different ethnic populations. In addition to our existing programs of student and faculty exchanges, study by international students and scholars in the U.S., study abroad, training workshops, internships and research collaboration; increased collaborative opportunities contribute to strengthening the training of our scholars and the attainment of groundbreaking research.
- *The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program* is aimed at expanding our research and scholarship horizons. Pioneering research and scholarship and discovery of new knowledge is fundamental to become a college that is recognized as "premier" institution. Formalization and implementation of this new and unique program of graduate study and research leading to the doctor of philosophy degree will be comprised of three areas of emphasis within pharmacy: drug discovery principles, the development and formulation of new drug products, and assessment of the socio-behavioral and economic impact on society and the health care system.
- *Continuing Professional Education Program*: highly visible world-wide and successful. The Continuing Professional Education Program meets the growing educational needs of pharmacists throughout South Florida and beyond for students, faculty members, and alumni. The philosophy of lifelong learning is supported by the COP, which organizes a variety of professional activities that enhance professional skills and knowledge in areas that impact their practice of pharmacy such as consulting, emergency preparedness, immunization delivery, contemporary issues, and physical assessment.

Our goal for the next decade is to broaden our positive impact on public health by providing the education, training, research, and services of a "premier college of pharmacy." Through local, national, and global partnerships, we can provide platforms to advance pharmacy education programming that serve the greater need for improved health care. The support and involvement of our alumni, partners and stakeholders continues to be crucial to our future development and success. This is only the beginning of our legacy, but a strong foundation for a new era in patient care.

Are You Hungry Yet?

Dining on campus

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

NSU Shark Dining has more than just ordinary cafeteria food to offer its growing NSU community.

The campus offers a variety of foods ranging from sushi to pizza. If you're not in the mood for a whole meal, stop for a quick snack at Outtakes, your local mini-mart with most of your grocery necessities.

Students have the option to dine at all locations on campus with their SharkCard. Some of these on campus locations include Monty's Café in the Carl DeSantis Building which offers a variety of Einstein bagels, muffins and coffee, Connections Café in the Alvin Sherman Library and the Supreme Court Café in the Shepard Broad Law Center.

Students living on campus in the Leo Goodwin Residence Hall and The Commons

will automatically have a mandatory declining balance of \$1,200 per semester on their SharkCard. Students who do not live on campus have the option of adding funds to their SharkCards at the Campus Card Services Office located in the University Center (UC). Students who finish their declining balance plans before the end of the semester can also visit the Campus Card Services Office and have increments of \$100 added to their cards.

The food court, located in the UC, is arguably the most popular location to dine due to its culinary variations. Celebrating its first year since opening its doors in the summer of 2007, the food court offers Mama Leone's Pizza, Jow Jing Asian Cuisine, Coyote Jack's Grill, Culinary Table and Starbucks.

Some sample prices are:

Subway

Hot Roasted	6 inches	Foot long
Subway Melt	\$4.29	\$ 6.49
Italian B.M.T	\$3.99	\$ 7.19
Local Favorite		
Cold Cut	\$ 2.99	\$ 5.19
Turkey Breast Ham	\$ 4.69	\$ 6.89

Jow Jing - Chinese Place

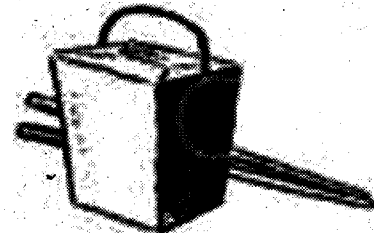
Any one item à Hot or Cold	\$5.99
Any two items à Hot or Cold	\$6.49
Any three items à Hot or Cold	\$6.99
Items a la Carte à	\$3.49
Appetizers à	\$1.59

Mamma Leone's Pizza

Individual Size	\$5.29
16" Family Size	\$11.99

Coyote Jack's Grill

	Single	Combos
Chicken Tenders	\$3.49	\$4.29
Chicken Tenders Combo	\$4.49	\$5.29
¼ lb Burger	\$2.59	\$4.29
¼ lb Cheddar Burgers	\$4.39	\$4.99



• Jany Cabezas

Get your Study on in the Alvin Sherman Library



NSU's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center offers the following library services:

- Reference assistance and library instruction
- Books, articles and other materials from the NSU Libraries' collections, in both print and electronic formats, many of which are accessible from outside the library
- Library instructional materials and online help.

Did you also know these facts?

- Students can make an appointment to meet one-on-one with a reference librarian for research assistance.
- Reference librarians are available to answer students' questions seven days a week in person, or via phone, email, or chat.
- Groups of two or more students may check-out a group study room.
- CDs, DVDs, video tapes, video games and popular bestsellers are available in the Alvin Sherman Library.
- Laptops may be checked out for use inside the Alvin Sherman Library.
- Coffee and light snacks are available in the library's Connections Café.
- The library is often home to unique exhibits and events year-round, including a brand new genealogy collection.

HOW TO CONTACT THE LIBRARY

Local Students dial 954-262 - extension [see list below]

Distance Students in the United States call 1-800-541-6682, then extension [see list below]

Distance Students in the Caribbean or Canada call 1-800-554-6682, then extension [see list below]

DEPARTMENT	EXTENSION	EMAIL
Research Assistance (Reference)	4613	refdesk@nova.edu
General Information (Circulation)	4601	circadmin@novacat.library.nova.edu

GETTING HELP

Reference Service

Users who need help with research can contact a reference librarian by phone, email, in person on the second floor of the library or via online chat. Reference librarians can give advice on effective research strategies. For more information, visit <http://www.nova.edu/library/help/askalib.html>.

BUILDING HOURS:		REFERENCE DESK HOURS:
Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

LIBRARY TRAINING

The Alvin Sherman Library offers instruction on how to use library services and resources.

Individual library instruction is available by appointment. To make an appointment, simply fill out the form located at <http://www.nova.edu/library/help/BIform.html>, or stop at the reference desk on the second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library to sign up.

The Alvin Sherman Library also offers group instruction. Professors usually arrange library training sessions for their classes by contacting the Distance & Instructional Library Services Department at 1-800-541-6682, ext. 5380.

For the independent learner, the Alvin Sherman Library offers an online help section; it contains materials on many library topics. The online help section is available at <http://www.nova.edu/library/help>.

SHARKCARDS

NSU students, faculty and staff should use their NSU identification card (SharkCard) to check out books and to reserve materials at the Alvin Sherman Library. NSU Cards can be obtained in person at the NSU Card Office in the University Center on the main campus. For more information, visit the NSU Card Office Web page at <http://www.nova.edu/nsucard>.

DOCUMENT DELIVERY/INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The Document Delivery Department helps NSU distance students, faculty and staff obtain materials owned by NSU or cooperative libraries. All NSU local students, faculty and staff may obtain books and articles that are not available in the NSU libraries from the Interlibrary Loan Department.

What kinds of items can be requested from Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan?

Journal articles and books are the most frequently requested items. Other items, such as book chapters and audiovisual materials, may also be available upon request.

How long do the orders take to arrive?

Materials may take five to 15 business days to arrive. Local students pick up materials at the Circulation Desk on the first floor of the Sherman Library. Items are mailed or emailed to distance students.

How many items can be requested?

Up to 25 items per student per week may be ordered.

How can I request items?

Use our online order forms:

Local Students: <http://www.nova.edu/library/serv/docdel/local.html>

Distance Students: <http://www.nova.edu/library/serv/docdel/distance.html>

How can I renew materials?

Items from NSU libraries may be renewed online using NovaCat. To renew items from other libraries, notify Document Delivery or Interlibrary Loan one week before the item's due date, and library staff will try to request a renewal from the lending library. Overdue items cannot be renewed.

ACCESS TO OTHER LIBRARIES

NSU students, faculty and staff are eligible for guest privileges with libraries that are members of the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN). A special SEFLIN library card may be obtained in person at the Alvin Sherman Library circulation desk. For more details about SEFLIN visit <http://www.seflin.org/slcp>.

The SEFLIN library card allows the holder to borrow materials from these institutions:

Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale

Barry University

Broward Community College—University College Library and North and South Regional campuses

Carlos Albizu University

Florida Atlantic University—Boca Raton, Port St. Lucie, and Jupiter campuses

Florida International University—Biscayne Bay and University Park campuses

Florida Metropolitan University

Johnson & Wales University

Keiser College

Lynn University

Miami-Dade College

Northwood University

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Palm Beach Community College—Central, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade campuses

St. Thomas University—Main campus

Ask Mr. Shark



Akshat Bhargava

Undergraduate Student Government Association 2007-08 President

Q. Mr. Shark, what is the best club or organization on campus to join?

A. My Fin, all clubs and organizations are "the best" depending on where your interests lie. NSU offers a variety of organizations on campus, such as religious, social and cultural, service, and pre-professional organizations. You could look into joining them depending on your passions, goals and things you want to accomplish. Some organizations are more active and well-known than others, but I have seen this change every year depending on the club's leadership and membership for that year. I would suggest visiting the following Web site: <http://www.nova.edu/studentleadership/clubs/undergrad.html>. There, you will find a full list of clubs at NSU. Make a note of some of them that you would like to be a member of and attend their first two meetings or events. Depending on your experience, decide whether to join the club or not.

Also, you have the power to make a difference here at NSU. If you passionately believe in a club or organization, even though it might not be as you expected, you have the opportunity to make it what you want it to be. Also, if you don't find a club of your interest, you can start your own.

Q. Mr. Shark, how would you advise a new student to plan his or her first year at NSU?

A. My Fin, I would advise you to manage your time carefully. There are a lot of things to do at NSU besides going to classes. One should take the time out to explore the university, and the resources it has to offer. Academics should definitely be a priority; I would suggest starting with 12 or 15 credits in the fall semester. Judge for yourself the standard of the classes and adjust your schedule accordingly for future semesters.

It is also important to get involved at NSU. NSU has a variety of clubs and organizations and events on campus. Please do not be lured by your peers into thinking which events are good and bad. Every individual is different and you should judge the events for yourself. Along with the flyers posted around campus, *The Current* is a great way of keeping up to date with NSU. If you live on campus, your Residential Advisor can help you get involved. If you are a commuter, your academic advisor can also provide you with some information.

Also, avoid the "freshman 15" and live a healthy lifestyle. NSU has a wonderful Recplex in the University Center which is free to use for all students, so you

should take advantage of it when you can. Hopefully, these suggestions will help you maximize your experience at NSU and allow you to have an excellent four years of college life.

Q. Mr. Shark, I am International Student and had some questions as per my I-20 and visa status. I am hearing a lot of things from my friends and am confused. I want to make sure my paper work is complete so that I can come to this country and pursue my bachelor's degree at NSU.

A. My Fin, the International Students and Scholars Office, located in the Horvitz Building, will be your best bet. They are the authorized people to guide you as per your visa questions and I-20. I would strongly suggest that you to contact them in regards to your paper work, status and other regulations. I must emphasize: please do not simply act on the advice of your friends. From personal experience, I have seen students be misguided due to a lack of adequate and complete information. I would hate to see anything like that happen to you. You can contact the International Students and Scholars Office at (954) 262-7240 or go on their Web site: <http://www.nova.edu/internationalstudents>.

Q. Mr. Shark, I am International Student coming to NSU this fall. I don't know anyone, but I saw your column on *nsucurrent.com*. I was wondering if you could help me find a place for my room and board.

A. My Fin, NSU offers both undergraduate and graduate housing and has a dedicated Office of Residential Life and Housing to help students find housing. I would encourage you to live on campus for your first year at NSU and contact the Office of Residential Life and Housing to make necessary arrangements. There are a lot of benefits for living on campus: I believe the residencies on campus are very safe, residential housing is on campus so you don't need a car to commute and even the new graduate housing, which is a little apart from the campus, will have campus shuttles running back and forth. The rates are also highly competitive. If the housing is already booked, I am sure the Office of Residential Life and Housing will help you find housing that is right for you. You can contact them at (954) 262-7052 or visit their Web site using the following link <http://www.nova.edu/reslife>.

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Q. Mr. Shark, I am a residential student and enrolled in one evening class. My class ends at 10 p.m., and by the time I get out, sometimes it's too dark and there is not enough lighting between the Parker Building and my dorms, which makes me scared. I was wondering if the university provides any kind of security.

A. My Fin, the NSU Public Safety office offers safety escorts. A safety escort is a Public Safety officer who will walk with you to your destination on NSU property limits and provide protection. The service is provided to anyone upon request 24 hours a day. You can call (954) 262-8999 and request a safety escort from the on-duty dispatcher.

Q. Mr. Shark, I was on my way to class and I saw these blue pillars with "EMERGENCY" written on them. I was wondering what these pillars are.

A. My Fin, those are "blue light telephones." These blue light phones provide an opportunity to immediately communicate with a Public Safety officer if one has a concern or question. To use the phone, push the button on the face of the unit and Public Safety will respond immediately. Your communication need not be an emergency. These phones are another effort on part of the Public Safety office and the university to keep the Sharks safe.

Q. Mr. Shark, I am a commuter student and my car recently broke. As a result, I am now using a rental car for my day-to-day work, including commuting to college. Since it's a rental car, I do not want to get a parking decal. But without a parking decal, I can't park in the Parker parking garage and I may get a ticket. What should I do?

A. My Fin, Public Safety issues what is called a temporary parking permit. You can

get a temporary parking permit made and use it. Once you have the permit, you can park your car in the Parker parking garage without getting a ticket. You can contact the Public Safety office, located in the Parker Building, for more information.

Q. Mr. Shark I have the student insurance plan from NSU, but have not received an insurance card yet, what should I do?

A. My Fin, you may print out a temporary insurance card by going to the student health insurance Website at www.bcbsfl.com and clicking on MyBlueService.

You may also contact BCBS' Customer Service Department at 1-800-664-5295 to have a card sent to you. Also, for more information on your student insurance plan check out the following website <http://www.nova.edu/smc/index.html>.

Q. Mr. Shark what are my options if I receive a parking ticket from Public Safety? Where do I pay?

A. My Fin, I would say you have two options – either pay or appeal. Students can pay the NSU parking citation at One Stop Shop located in the Horvitz Building. On the other hand you have the right to appeal your citation. According to the Public Safety Web site all persons have the right to appeal any NSU parking citation within five (5) days of receiving the citation. You can get the parking appeal form from the following link: http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubsafety/forms/NSU_APEAL_FORM.pdf. For more information please contact Public Safety at 954-262-8999.

Getting to Know the Area

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Staff Writer

Although NSU is not exactly in the heart of Ft. Lauderdale, its surrounding suburban area can be hard to get used to. For students just moving into the area, here is a list of useful places you may need to get to immediately.

Grocery Stores:

Publix
6525 Nova Drive
Davie, FL 33317-7401
Originating in Florida, Publix the largest supermarket chain around. And it is convenient because there is one in almost every shopping plaza, this one is just the closest to campus. There is also a Smoothie King and Blockbuster in the same plaza.

Whole Foods Market
7720 Peters Road
Plantation, FL 33324
Right down the street from campus. Whole Foods specializes in all-natural, organic, and also some hard-to-find international products. A little pricier than Publix, but has great options for vegetarians and vegans.

Post Office:

Davie Post Office
3850 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Right down the street from campus, but beware, it is always busy between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. If you do not want the frustration, be wary of that whenever you plan to go there.

Bookstores, etc.:

NSU Bookstore
University Park Place- Suite 3562
3562 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
In the plaza right next door to the campus. Plenty of employees to make your search for textbooks a little easier.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
591 South University Drive
Plantation, FL 33324
Largest bookstore near campus and should usually have what you are looking for.

Office Depot (in the Tower Shops)
1940 South University Drive

Davie, FL 33328
There is also a Michael's, Old Navy, Linens & Things, and a DSW in the same plaza.

Malls/Department Stores:

Broward Mall
8000 West Broward Boulevard
Plantation, FL 33324
Conveniently located just north of campus and has everything from JCPenny to Journeys.

Sawgrass Mills Mall
12801 West Sunrise Boulevard
Sunrise, FL 33323
A bit further than the other places on this list, but is the biggest mall in Broward County and has mostly outlet stores, which usually save you lots of money.

Super Target
5800 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Located a little further south than campus, but has Jamba Juice, Panda Express, Crispers, Steak & Shake, and Pollo Tropical..

Ikea Sunrise
151 NW 136 Avenue
Sunrise, FL 33325
Not too close to campus, but worth the trek because this one furniture store alone is the size of the Broward Mall. Plus, they always have great deals.

Other Useful Places:

Redhead Salon
7750 Nova Drive
Davie, FL 33324
(954) 990-4340
Newest salon to open up right near campus.

On-Site Automotive
7051 SW 22nd Court
Davie, FL 33317
(954) 577-5282
Amazing Service and right around the corner from campus.

Car Wash & Lube
2800 Davie Road
Davie, FL 33314
No appointment necessary, plus you get a free car wash with every oil change.

College of Osteopathic Medicine Message from the Dean

As dean of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM), it is both my pleasure and privilege to welcome the class of 2012 to our college.

In today's world, where scientific and technological advances seem to occur at warp speed, NSU-COM has worked diligently to place itself on the leading edge of medical education innovation and prepare you for a medical landscape overflowing with challenge and change. To keep pace with this wave of perpetual transformation, we consistently evaluate and revise our curriculum to ensure you receive a multifaceted education that will allow you to maximize your potential and provide you with the tools to become first-rate physicians.

Our outstanding and experienced faculty has taken a leadership role in ensuring that we offer our students a comprehensive and stimulating course of study in osteopathic medicine. Through our various collaborative efforts, we are providing future generations of osteopathic physicians an opportunity to gain a significant amount of scientific information and medical knowledge while also imparting the equally important and often ignored skill of learning how to teach oneself over multiple decades in a rapidly changing world.

As our college has continued to grow in both size and stature, it has become known as an institution that appeals to academically successful students who have the potential to embody certain traits such as compassion without weakness, confidence without arrogance and a high predilection for the medically underserved. Why do these traits predominate by the time our students graduate? It occurs because our faculty, staff, and administration embody and project these noble traits, which in turn encourages and guides our students on how to emulate and replicate those qualities.

There is a culture that exists at this institution that exudes these very positive feelings. We're not here just as employees of the college or university, whether we be faculty, staff or administration. We're here because we share a passion for what we do, which is to ultimately produce high-quality physicians who are committed to being caring and compassionate patient advocates, wherever and whatever they may practice.

Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D., M.Sc., FACOFP *dist.*

Fun Beyond the Beach

Stefani Rubino
Staff Writer

Oftentimes, people ask what there is to do around South Florida besides going to the beach and sometimes it seems like the fun stops there. The truth is, there are a variety of hang-outs close to NSU and all-around Broward County.

Restaurants/Bars:

Quarterdeck
3155 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Literally right across the street from NSU, Quarterdeck is one of South Florida's most popular casual "bar-and-grills."

Davie Ale House and Raw Bar
2080 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33324
With drink specials and great food all the time, the Ale House is a great place to relax and watch the game.

Tijuana Taxi Co.
4400 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Tired of Ale Houses and Grills? Tijuana Taxi is home of the 36 ounce Margarita and too many Tex-Mex dishes to choose from.

Geronimo's Bar & Grill
3528 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Supposedly Davie's best kept secret, Geronimo's is one of the few restaurant/bars open until 4 a.m. It's famous for burgers.

Ye Olde Falcon Pub
2867 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
The Falcon has been around for almost 20 years and is still one of the places frequented the most by people from all over Broward County.

Music/Entertainment:

Culture Room
3045 North Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Hosts bands from all sorts of genres, check out www.cultureroom.net for the complete calendar of events.

Revolution Live
200 West Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
Similar to the Culture Room, except bigger and hosts more events. Their Web site is www.jointherevolution.net.

The Oasis at Sawgrass Mills
2606 Sawgrass Mills Circle
Sunrise, FL 33323
The Oasis has shops, restaurants, bars, a billiard club, and a movie theater, so there is something for almost everyone.

Sunrise Cinemas at Gateway
1820 East Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Broward County's only sort-of "art house" theater shows mostly independent and art house films and is great for seeing something other than the typical Hollywood action-flick.

Activities:

Sparez Bowling Alley
5325 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
Close to campus and easy to get to.

Blockbuster IMAX Theater
401 SW 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
www.mods.org

Located in the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science, the IMAX plays not only educational films but things like U2 3D and Shine A Light (a Rolling Stones concert film).

Culture:

Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale
1 East Las Olas Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
www.moafll.org
Check out the Web site to find out what exhibit is being shown right now and what exciting events the museum will be hosting in the near future.

Miami Art Museum
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130
www.miamiartmuseum.org
The Miami Art Museum is constantly hosting events, so check out their calendar for more information.

Museum of Contemporary Art Miami
770 NE 125th Street
North Miami, FL 33161
www.mocanomi.org
Probably the greatest and edgiest museum in South Florida, their exhibitions are interesting and thought-provoking. Check out the Web site for more details.

Jackie Gleason Theater/The Fillmore
Miami Beach
1700 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
The JGT and the Fillmore host plays and concerts. Just go to www.ticketmaster.com and type in the name of the theater and you will see a complete list of events.

Alternative Activities:

Kahuna'Awa Kava Bar
3104 NE 9th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
www.myspace.com/kahunaawa
One of the only Kava bars in South Florida, Kahuna'Awa's atmosphere will make you feel relaxed even before you get to the Kava.

Kan Zaman Café and Hookah Lounge
1814 North University Drive
Plantation, FL 33322
Close to campus and easy to get to. Try not to go on Friday or Saturday, that is when the place really gets busy.

One Tea Lounge
2037 Wilton Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33305
www.onetealounge.com
Amazing tea, amazing food, and incredible atmosphere, One Tea Lounge is a major escape from all hustle-and-bustle of Fort Lauderdale.

Near the Beach:

Fort Lauderdale Beachplace
17 South Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Beachplace is located right on the beach, which makes it a convenient place to take a break from the blazing-hot South Florida sun.

Las Olas Riverfront
300 SW 1st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
www.riverfrontfl.com
The Riverfront features shops and dining and special events that include art exhibits, music, and more. Check out their Web site for a complete list of events.

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Nova Southeastern University

Oceanographic Center

Richard E. Dodge, Ph.D., Dean

Richard Spieler, Ph.D., Director of Academic Studies

Hello new students and welcome to NSU. You have chosen wisely, and we are certain you will find your experience here to be exciting and rewarding on many levels. Our University, your University, is relatively young. We take a dynamic, often innovative, approach to learning with multiple Centers and Colleges serving a variety of academic disciplines. Our Center, the Oceanographic Center (OC), was founded in 1966. Originally we operated from a houseboat in Fort Lauderdale, but relocated to our present 10-acre multi-building, marina site adjacent to Port Everglades in 1970.

The mission of the OC is to carry out innovative, basic, and applied research and to provide high-quality graduate and undergraduate education in a broad range of marine science and related disciplines. The Center serves as a community resource for information, research and education on oceanographic and marine environmental issues.

The Oceanographic Center offers marine science education programs, via its Institute of Marine and Coastal Studies. Programs include the MS degrees in Marine Biology, Marine Environmental Sciences, and Coastal Zone Management, as well as the PhD degree in Oceanography/Marine Biology. We operate on a 12-week quarter-term system; courses are held in the evening for the convenience of working students and professionals.

In addition to our traditional on-site programs, we welcome students from around the world with flexible distance learning courses. These courses are available for general interest, undergraduate or graduate credit, or as components of our two four-course Graduate Certificates: Marine and Coastal Climate Change and Coastal Studies. An on-line MS degree in Coastal Zone Management is also available. A joint degree program with the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences undergraduate center on NSU's main campus in Davie offers BS/MS programs in marine biology and environmental science.

NSU OC graduates typically go on to find rewarding careers helping the environment in research, government agencies, education, non-profit and private companies.

The OC is home to more than 200 in-house and online students with 14 full time faculty and a similar number of dedicated staff. Research activities involve biological, geological, chemical, and physical oceanography. Areas of interest include marine biology, coral reef studies, benthic ecology, marine biodiversity, marine geology, calcification of invertebrates, marine fisheries, marine microbiology, molecular ecology and evolution, wetlands ecology, coastal dynamics, and ocean-atmosphere coupling,

Integral components of the Oceanographic Center include the National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) and the Guy Harvey Research Institute (GHRI). The National Coral Reef Institute was established by Congressional mandate in 1998. NCRI's primary objective is the assessment, monitoring, and restoration of coral reefs through basic and applied research and through training and education. The Guy Harvey Research Institute conducts scientific research needed for effective conservation, restoration, and understanding of the world's wild fishes.

To find out more about our research and graduate programs at NSU OC, please visit our website at www.nova.edu/ocean or email us at imcs@nsu.nova.edu.

Don't Forget Your Discount Card

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As you can see, there are many businesses surrounding NSU's campus. Because of that, the Office of Student Engagement has teamed up with some of these businesses to make student life a little easier. They have developed a discount card for students that will be given out during NSU's Exploration Week, August 25 to 29. Some places, however, will give you a discount just by showing your NSU SharkCard. Here is a list of places that will be giving discounts with the new NSU student card.

Restaurants:

Beef O'Brady's
8655 Stirling Road
Cooper City, FL 33328
10% off Monday through Sunday

Chicken Kitchen
3325 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
10% off Monday through Sunday

Pizza Loft
3514 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
10% off Dine-in only, Monday through Sunday

Della Ventura Pizza
4120 SW 64th Avenue
Davie, FL 33328
10% off, Monday through Saturday

Tommy's Pizza
4777 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
10% off Monday through Sunday

Pizza Machine
8955 Taft Street
Pembroke Pines, FL 33324
10% off Monday through Sunday

Sub Center
7711 Nova Drive
Davie, FL 33324
10% off Monday through Sunday

Tower Deli
2315 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33324
10% off Monday through Sunday

Char Hut
9000 West State Road 84
Davie, FL 33324
10% off, Monday through Sunday, Dine-in Only

Crazy Pollo II
3660 SW 64th Avenue
Davie, FL 33314
10% off Monday through Sunday

Zona Fresca
1095 South University Drive
Plantation, FL 33324
10% off Monday through Sunday

Sips and Dips
5810 South University Drive #118
Davie, FL 33328
15% off Food, 5th Signature Martini Free,
2-4-1 Drinks Anytime Monday through Saturday

Coffee, etc:
The Roasted Bean
3325 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
20% off Monday through Sunday

Froots Smoothies
2571 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33324
10% off Monday through Sunday

Services:
Classic Cuts
5925 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33328
10% off Tuesday through Sunday

Massage Envy
1936 South University Drive
Davie, FL 33324
10% off on Membership Packages only

Field of Flowers
5101 South University Drive
Davie, FL
(954) 680-6888
10% off Monday through Sunday

SharkLink NSU's new information portal

Tanya Parnes
NSU News Editor

NSU has created a new Web option for students, faculty and staff alike known as SharkLink. SharkLink will now serve as the central point of access to all NSU Web based applications, including email, personal and shared Web calendars, online groups, WebSTAR and WebCT. This information portal, will allow access to all of these different applications with just a single login to the system. Access to this new site will be automatically granted to the NSU community at large.

The current NSU email username will serve as the new username for SharkLink and the current WebSTAR password will serve as the SharkLink password. The password can be changed through the PIN change feature in WebSTAR. This new system will not require the individual to continuously log in and out of various applications as he or she navigates the NSU Web site. Instead, it will require a single

login at the start and all of these applications will be accessible from the main homepage.

SharkLink will become the main portal of access for WebSTAR and WebCT once it goes online. Students will have to log on to SharkLink to access these sites for registration purposes, class work and other NSU related information.

The system is made up of channels, which are a series of windows containing different pieces of information that are specifically tailored to each student in turn. Students will have access to the standard information channels about NSU and also be able to subscribe to the more specialized channels pertaining to their areas of interest. They will also be able to customize the layout of their channels since channels can be moved, minimized or removed completely. Some channels will remain permanently since they are mandatory. Students will be able to move around their

specialty channels though to create their own unique SharkLink page.

There are also online groups within SharkLink that allow members of the NSU community to communicate and share ideas with one another. These groups offer file sharing, message boards, calendars, group announcements, news, photos, links, email, chat, moderation and delegation. Students will likely be required to subscribe to these groups or get invited by different group leaders before being admitted.

SharkLink is protected by a Web system called the Secure Socket Layer (SSL) that encrypts all of the information that is transferred to and from the computer. The Web site can be accessed at <http://sharklink.nova.edu>. For more information or questions about SharkLink students can contact the Online Computing Help Desk at (954) 262-4357 or email help@nsu.nova.edu.

Quad Thursday

So what if it's not on the quad?

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

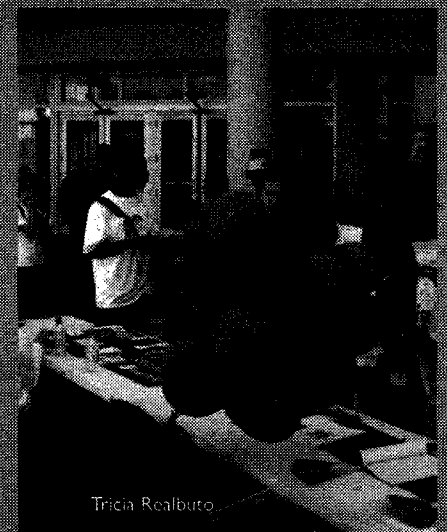
NSU would not be the university that it is without Quad Thursday, a weekly event that offers free food, music and activities to the university community.

Quad Thursday became an NSU tradition three years ago and was founded by the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement. According to Tricia Realbuto, former coordinator for the event, "It was an opportunity for students to come together once a week and just enjoy their break from class."

Quad Thursday allows different organizations to hold various events every week to promote different causes on and off-campus while also enjoying jams from NSU's own radio station, WNSU 88.5 Radio X. In the past, student organizations have put together events to raise awareness about cancer, diabetes, genocide and domestic violence. In the 2007-08 academic year, student organizations arranged events such as student presidential debates, cultural food tasting and dance performances.

"So what if it's not on the quad?" became the slogan for the event, when in January of 2007 the location of Quad Thursday was moved from the Alvin Sherman Library Quad to the Flight Deck Patio attached to the University Center. According to Realbuto, the move gave students more room to enjoy themselves while also protecting them from the weather when necessary.

If you are interested in signing up your organization to participate in Quad Thursday or would like information about this event, please contact Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at 954-262-7195.



Tricia Realbuto



Tricia Realbuto

Show Your Face on Facebook.com

Racquel Fagon
Variety Editor

The invisible lines of communication have connected the world through Facebook.com, and NSU's campus is no different. Facebook.com is the latest and most popular trend in social networking via the Internet. It allows individuals to create networks organized by city, workplace, school or any group of interest and then members are on their way to interact and connect freely.

Since the launch of the Web site in February 2004, high schools, colleges and universities have started Facebook networks on their campuses to provide a socializing cyberspace for their students. Facebook.com is similar to MySpace.com; the only difference is that on MySpace, individuals

can customize their profiles using HTML and Cascading Style Sheets, which allows for more creative expression in designing your page. Facebook, on the other hand, comes with a preloaded style that allows for customization by moving different parts of the profile page around. Facebook can be used to post pictures, chat with friends, and announce upcoming events, birthdays, parties, school club meetings, and just about any news you want to share with your friends. You can also search for old high school friends, and be invited to make new friends. For your privacy, no one outside of your network of friends is able to view your profile.

The NSU community is quite active on Facebook.com. Many clubs and organizations have created networks that interested NSU students can become a part of. All you need is your NSU e-mail address and you are ready to join NSU's vast Facebook network. Being on Facebook is very beneficial for NSU students, because it links students through participation in school activities and even through academic-related situations or problems.

If you are already registered with Facebook.com, join the NSU Facebook community to get better connected to your school.

The Honor Is Yours

At NSU there are many ways to gain honor as a student. Among these, you can apply to one of the Honors Programs and/or be invited to join an honors society. Either way can help you gain much more from your undergraduate years. As student Vanessa Vasconcelos says, "Being a part of the Honors Program was a life-altering experience. My Honors seminars challenged me to think in different ways and prepared me for graduate school."

The Honors Program

You can apply to the Honors Program anytime – ideally, before school starts. Acceptance invites you to a new level of academic achievement. NSU is known for small classes, but Honors classes are even more selective. There are additional benefits as well. Biology student Maria Farrell used the undergraduate honors program's emphasis on independent, mentored research in her junior and senior years "to focus on longer exploration of topics that intrigued [her]." Direct interaction with faculty members includes you in a more comprehensive, interactive learning process. You can explore interesting ideas, ask creative questions and even conduct research with a faculty mentor.

Honors courses are also noted on your transcript so graduate schools and prospective employers can see that you enhanced your education.

Honor Societies

The honor societies are organizations related to specific majors or purposes that have special criteria for membership. These groups offer experiences and projects that broaden and deepen your knowledge of your field. Students must be invited to join one of these societies, including:

Alpha Chi, a national academic honor society, offers eligibility to compete for local and national scholarships. For more information, contact Office of the Dean in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) is dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and scientific research. Contact Division of Math, Science, and Technology in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society dedicated to scholarship and excellence in education. Contact the Fischler School of Education and Human Services for more information at www.schoolofed.nova.edu/undergraduate/Organizations.htm.



Lambda Epsilon Chi, the national honor society for paralegal/legal assistant studies, supports students who demonstrate superior academic performance in an established program of paralegal studies. Contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

Lambda Pi Eta is the honor society of the National Communication Association. Contact the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

Psi Chi, the U.S. national honor society in psychology, promotes excellence in scholarship and advances the science of psychology. Contact the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

Sigma Beta Delta supports scholarship and achievement by students of business, management and administration while promoting personal and professional improvement. Contact the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship for more information.

Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society, supports academic excellence by students of the English language and literature, as well as the accomplishments of professional writers. Contact the Division of Humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences for more information.

These organizations and programs can elevate your education and peer interactions to greater heights in different ways. This can better prepare you for life after your undergraduate years.

Abundant Opportunities for Artists



The Performing and Visual Arts Program at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences is packing theatres and classrooms with new offerings. It is a great time to be a student or fan of the arts at NSU.

The theatre major, which has made optimal use of the new resources available at the Performing and Visual Arts Wing in the University Center, is being joined by four new majors in art, arts administration, dance and music. The combination of thorough coursework and new facilities make these areas of study compelling to students pursuing interests in the arts.

Through a challenging curriculum and the excitement of live performance, students of music at NSU develop a solid musical foundation and grow as performing artists. Whether or not you are a music major, if you play music and like to entertain, your talents have an outlet on campus. NSU's pep band, the Sharkestra, adds excitement at many campus events, from fun to formal. The orchestra also provides expansive opportunities for musicians.

Should you prefer singing, Bossa Nova is the vocal jazz ensemble at NSU. The group creates and performs programs that showcase its singers through celebrations of South Florida's cultural scene. Bossa Nova's unique aural texture and repertoire are as diverse as the community in which we live: full of sunshine and endless new beats.

The college's dance program presents

a fully-produced annual concert of original works, featuring choreography by faculty, students and guest artists. Each production moves and entertains audiences with a dance experience that also provides students with professional-level performance experience.

The new visual arts program provides opportunities for students to showcase their talent through gallery exhibits of their work, including their paintings, photographs, drawings, graphic art, ceramic creations and pottery. Students have access to excellent visual arts facilities, including graphic design labs, art studios and ceramic and pottery classrooms.

The arts administration major prepares students for management careers in the arts industry. Students gain an overview of specific administrative concerns that include communication, public relations, writing, development, policy, education, planning, outreach and management for arts organizations.

To support the efforts of talented students, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences offers a talent-based Performing and Visual Arts Grant, which is awarded on a yearly basis. The grant is available to current undergraduate students, incoming freshmen, and transfer students. To apply, visit www.undergrad.nova.edu/performingarts/grants.

For more information, contact Mark Duncan, M.F.A. at (954) 262-8094 or markdunc@nsu.nova.edu.

Opportunities for Academic Scholarship

If you think that publishing academic research is an accomplishment only available to faculty members and graduate students, think again. At NSU, undergraduate students have a chance to produce academic research and present their results to an informed and attentive audience. The Honors Program particularly supports such efforts, yet any interested student can explore opportunities. Developing the skills for such scholarship will prove to be a strong asset in your undergraduate studies and any further explorations in your field of specialization after college.

Biology major Christie Rubio, who is

studying protein mutations in genes, says, "You have a research outline to follow, but most things in science happen by accident. When you're researching, you have a goal for discovery, but explorations can lead to things we didn't know to look for. I get excited about arriving at something new."

The *Farquhar Student Journal*, a peer-reviewed, online publication devoted to research and scholarly explorations by undergraduate students at NSU, is published twice a year. This publication is open to a variety of original scholarly works, including quantitative and/or qualitative research studies, critical commentaries, critiques, editorials, and

debates on issues and topics in fields of academic study.

Michael Reiter, Ph.D., assistant director for the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, acts as the Editor in Chief of the *Farquhar Student Journal*. With support from associate editors Allison Brimmer, Ph.D., in the Division of Humanities, and Emily Schmitt, Ph.D., in the Division of Math, Science, and Technology, the journal provides a forum for student research and commentary.

Another research venue is the Undergraduate Student Symposium, held every April in the Alvin Sherman

Library. The symposium offers student projects and demonstrations to the public through poster displays, oral presentations, paper submissions and performances. Along with honors and awards bestowed on students by a panel of judges, this event allows students, faculty, and other members of the campus community to observe the scope of academic inquiry that undergraduate students pursue.

Students interested in participating in research opportunities should contact their academic division or college for more information and seek a faculty sponsor for their project or publication.

Travel to Learn

Just because NSU has a spectacular campus, does not mean you have to limit your learning to the classroom. You have opportunities to earn credits toward your degree in classes that take you abroad or to exceptional environments within the U.S.

While technology can bring much of the world to you, sometimes you have to physically explore the world to round out your education. You might document wildlife in the Amazon's cloud forests of Ecuador or study migration patterns of wolves in Alaska. You could find yourself studying the origins of sports medicine in the Roman Colosseum or delve into literary history in Stratford-on-Avon. Maybe you'll dive in a marine habitat off Baja California, or visit historic battlefields in Kosovo.

You might even come up with an independent journey of your own that fits your unique academic and personal goals.

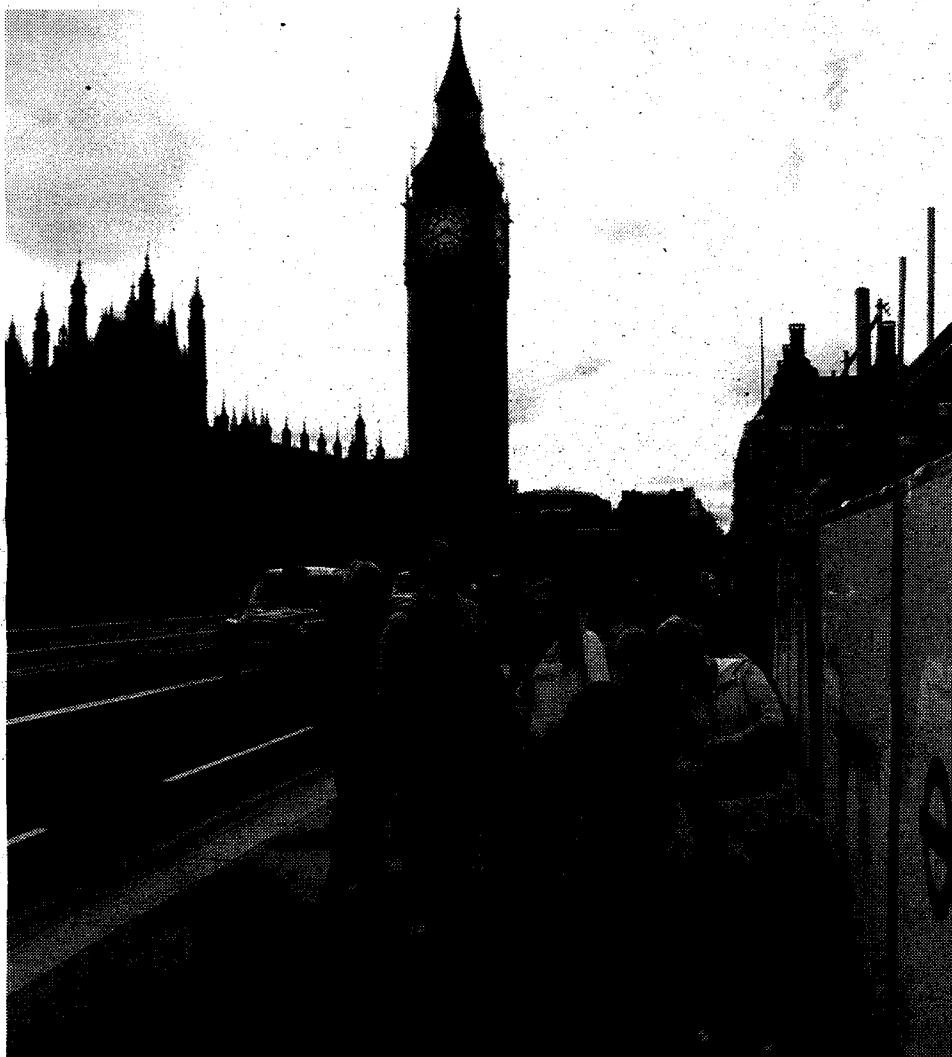
You will spend time in the field with faculty members who have compelling specialties, and see things you never saw before. You'll want to bring your camera. As student Ryan Frabizio mentioned about a class trip to Ireland, "Every time someone asks my favorite part, I talk about

architecture: buildings that go back hundreds of years."

Financial aid opportunities are available, including the Stolzenberg-Doan Scholarship. This award can be applied to tuition, travel, or living expenses for summer travel study courses taught or sponsored by college faculty. Also available is the Health Professions Commitment Travel Grant to support education-related travel, such as attending a summer enrichment program. For information on either of these, contact the Office of the Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences at (954)-262-8408.

Each academic year brings new study destinations into the curriculum. You can learn the basics at www.undergrad.nova.edu/currentstudents/studyabroad. Watch for announcements and make sure your passport is in order. We'll help you from there. You can gain financial assistance, earn credits, and change your life.

For further information, contact Carmen Sosa, assistant director, Office of Academic Services, at (954) 262-8222 or sosac@nsu.nova.edu.



Sharkestra

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

A new addition to NSU's Shark family has been made in recent weeks, coming to us from the quickly rising performing arts segment of the school: the Sharkestra. The Sharkestra is lead by Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D. and has already demonstrated its talent at men's and women's basketball games a number of times thus far in the season and is fast becoming a part of the NSU school experience.

The Sharkestra was created in an attempt to bring about a "real collegiate atmosphere" to the gymnasium for both the fans and athletes of the NSU sports teams during games. "The Sharkestra's membership is open to all full time NSU students who play and, in most cases, own an instrument," says Cavanaugh, "...the group comes out of the Humanities Division in the Farquhar College but all NSU students are invited to audition and potentially become future members."

Cavanaugh still wishes the Sharkestra to grow in size from its current 14 members as they are still looking for alto, tenor and baritone saxes as well as trumpets and trombones.

"Many of our members are pretty good jazz players and we play dates throughout the year in which the musicians can display their talents for improvising and playing more 'smooth' jazz," says Dr. Cavanaugh, "...but I would love to fill out the trumpets, trombones, and saxes so that we can do full jazz arrangements."

The main goals for the Sharkestra are to increase members' abilities and give them the chance play together, have fun and get creative with their music, eventually branching out into many other styles such as swing, Latin, rock and progressive.

"The band is clearly developing a personality and I think in a short time people will see them as among those campus groups that lead and help create school spirit" says Cavanaugh.

The Sharkestra is definitely doing its part to increase the school spirit around NSU's campus and as Cavanaugh says "We have a very dedicated, hardworking group. I think they're a kind of 'blue-collar' group in that rehearsals are all business, and they clearly want to be the best they can be."



The Sharkestra fine tunes their jazz sound.

Radio X

Do you have what it takes to be an intern at one of the most exciting, fast-growing, non-commercial radio stations in South Florida? Every month, hopeful applicants intern at WNSU Radio X, located on the first floor of the Rosenthal Building. As an intern, you will see how a radio station operates behind the scenes, make phone calls to lucky winners of tickets for musical and sports venues throughout South Florida, sit in on live shows and live interviews with DJs, record public service announcements to be broadcast on air, give away movie passes, receive promotional items for upcoming movies and listen to independent music sent in by labels and bands. A typical week at Radio X consists of talking to band promoters, band members and hosting remotes for parties on and around campus. These are just some of the perks that come with working at South Florida's "Best Radio Station for 2007," according to *New Times* newspaper. You will gain experience and have the benefit of acquiring free concert tickets to local venues, such as Revolution and Culture Room. You will also get to meet up-and-coming bands.

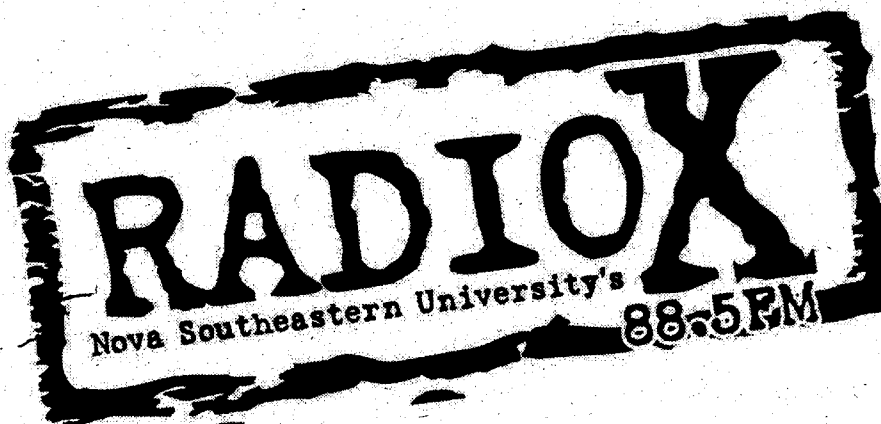
Set in a fast-paced and high-energy environment, NSU's Radio X is a unique non-commercial student-managed radio station that broadcasts live from 7 p.m. to

of 1990 by a group of ambitious students, Radio X has been the voice of NSU and a major supporter of local bands and the South Florida music scene. The Local

the Garden and several other music festivals.

Radio X covers the local music scene both inside and outside the booth. In addition to world, national and local music and news, Radio X also provides weather and NSU news and sports updates. In addition to The Local Show, Radio X offers interviews, information and entertainment programming aimed at our young adult audience on The Information Exchange, South Florida Live, Artist in the Spotlight and weekly live-band interviews. Radio X offers an interesting alternative to overplayed mainstream radio stations with a selection that will surely ignite your music bug. Both a communications entity and an educational tool, NSU's Radio X is establishing itself as a voice for NSU and the surrounding communities, particularly on behalf of its youth and young adult audience.

For more information, please contact the offices of Radio X at (954) 262-8457 or check out our Web site at www.nova.edu/radiox.



3 a.m. to the tri-county area on 88.5 FM. Radio X also streams live on the Web at www.nsuradio.com and provides its listeners with a variety of music ranging from Alternative/Rock and House to Hip Hop and Jazz. Since its opening in August

Show features interviews with South Florida musicians hosted by our very own DJ Xstatic. Giving away concert tickets everyday, Radio X DJs are also involved with the community by doing media coverage at Langerado, Warped Tour, Jazz in

Upcoming Events

NSU hosts events that should not be missed

Racquel Fagon
Variety Editor

NSU is no different from any other American college campus when it comes to student-oriented activities. However, on this campus, not only the students but the NSU community at large gets excited and involved in the annual school activities.

Sharkapalooza is the largest welcome party thrown at the beginning of the semester for the new members of the NSU community. Food and entertainment are provided for free and clubs and organizations set up booths with attractions such as games, prizes, raffles and a lot of candy in order to recruit new members. Students have the opportunity to truly be a part of the NSU community by getting involved with the many clubs and organizations on campus and start creating their piece of NSU history.

Another event hosted by NSU is the annual Love Jen Festival – a fundraising event for the Love Jen foundation at the Joe DiMaggio's Children Hospital. The event commemorates the memory of Jennifer Masi, a 14 year-old girl who passed away from cancer. All funds from this event are used to provide goods and services for families whose children suffer from cancer. NSU has held the event since 1991 and has raised over a million dollars in donations. The Love Jen Festival keeps patrons coming out annually, not only to contribute financially, but to enjoy the fun and entertainment: from face painting to pie throwing, table loads of food, a petting zoo and games and prizes for all ages.

Greek week is that time where all of NSU's Greek brothers and sisters come together and host a variety of events like parties and socials, movie viewings and games. New members are needed to keep

the organizations alive and vibrant, so Rush Week – a week to recruit new members for Greek organizations – is an important time for the Greek life family. For activities, the two most popular events are NSU Idol (modeled after the popular singing contest American Idol) and Hollywood Squares (also modeled after the popular show). Each of the students performing at the event must represent a student organization, athletic team or a Residential Advisor from a floor in one of the NSU dormitories. The first, second and third place winners of NSU Idol and Hollywood Squares receive cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, respectively.

The Student Life Achievement Awards (AKA the STUEYs) is NSU's equivalent of the Academy Awards, both in style and presentation. This event honors and celebrates those in the NSU community who have made a positive, lasting impression on the campus. Students, athletes, clubs, faculty and even shareholders are honored and awarded for their efforts and dedication to the NSU community. This is an event not to be missed.

If you are interested in hearing celebrities talk about their lives and their paths to success, then Life 101 is the event for you. This is not an actual course but an interactive 60 minute interview, hosted by NSU faculty member Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D. The celebrity guests are usually people who have inspired many others and show great dedication and perseverance through their achievements. Some guests interviewed are James Earl Jones, Vanessa Williams, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Alyssa Milano.

The *Digressions* launch is an annual event that writers and artists look forward

to. *Digressions* is a student run literary magazine that features short stories, poems, photographs and other forms of artistic expression from the NSU student body. The launch allows students, who have been published in *Digressions* magazine the opportunity to read and present their literary works and visual designs. For the first time, in 2008, there was a competition between the submitted works where the winners received gold sealed certificates of merit.

International students make up a large number of the student population at NSU. Naturally, there are events and activities that are geared towards introducing new international students to college life in the United States and also making them feel as comfortable as possible. Nova International Student Association (NISA) organizes events with the international student in mind. The Annual International Students Thanksgiving Dinner is a grand event where NSU students from all over the world come together to celebrate an American holiday. Throughout the dinner, there are performances from various people. For Thanksgiving 2007, student Giuliana Seagliotti, belly danced to the rhythmic tones of Arabic music, along with songs from around the world performed by students Sumit Bajracharya, Sammy Garcia, Lesa Philips and others. Another annual event for NISA and the Caribbean Student Association (CSA) is a fashion show to celebrate the diversity at NSU. Last year, NSU student volunteers modeled clothing from various countries and continents, such as Asia, Africa, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and South America. Different clothing designers from various countries sponsor the fashion show each year.

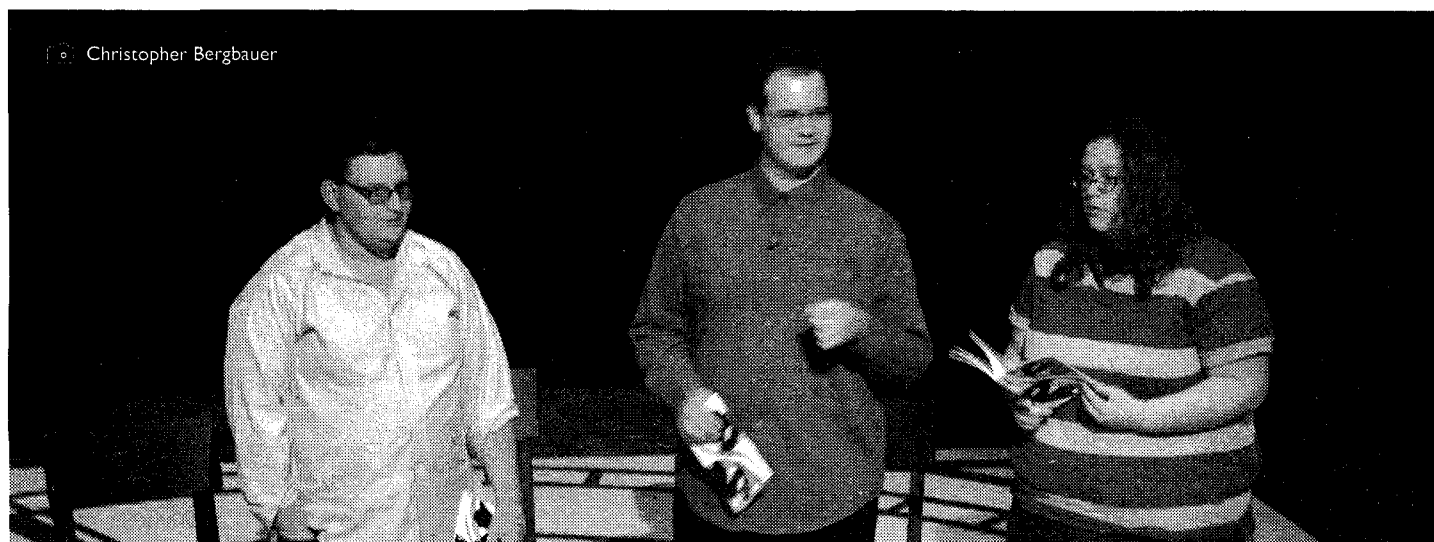
Unity Week is a celebration of freedom that attempts to destroy hatred and prejudice among ethnicities, nationalities and the gay and lesbian community. Throughout the week, students are given the opportunity, through various events, to educate themselves about the existing problem of discrimination and the need to eradicate it. Unity Week features events such as, "Take Back the Night," a rally to support victimized and abused women, and "Bringing Down the Wall of Hate," an event where students paint slurs and hurtful names on cement blocks, use them to construct a wall, and then pull them down with ropes, symbolizing the destruction of hateful thoughts and actions.

Setting the feeling for Homecoming week, CommunityFest draws the entire NSU community to a day of fun and games with clubs and organizations on campus. With free food provided by local vendors, rock climbing, laser tag, karaoke and tons of other entertainment, CommunityFest never fails to be a huge hit. From CommunityFest, the fun goes straight into Homecoming Week. For this week, students participate in out-of-the norm activities such as, Flight Deck Follies, a beauty pageant where guys dress in drag and compete in three categories for first place. Another event is the Annual Raft Race that takes place at the Gold Circle Lake. Teams from different clubs and organizations create rafts out of a variety of unconventional materials to create floatable boats to win the race. There are concerts, comedic acts and other festivities that lead up to the grand formal event - the Homecoming Dance. This is an enormous formal dance party that the NSU community thoroughly enjoys.

Digressions Literary Magazine

Ryan Frabizio

Digressions, Editor in Chief 2007-2008



Digressions is the literary magazine for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, sponsored by the Division of Humanities. The magazine was first published in the winter semester of 2004 and has recently published its fifth edition. Its purpose is to provide a forum for selected works of poetry and prose. Though primarily geared toward literary art, it also showcases photography and other visual art.

Publication occurs annually during the winter semester with a release date usually in late March or early April. The magazine officially opens itself for submissions near the beginning of the winter semester and reviewing and editing carries on through February and part of March before the final cuts are made and arranged.

The staff of *Digressions* are volunteers and are not only students in the humanities, nor are they required to submit works to the magazine. Students who have worked for the magazine, or have submitted, have ranged from English majors to legal studies,

psychology and biology majors. There is also no limitation on the number of staff, and new blood is always welcome.

The work is divided among editors. Submissions usually go to the Managing Editor, who is in charge of keeping all submissions recorded. He or she is also responsible for erasing the submitters' names from each work before they are distributed to the reviewing editors. The names are erased as a safety against editorial bias, but are re-inserted once a work has been accepted for publication. After a work has been reviewed, it is forwarded to the Editor in Chief, who reviews the editors' thoughts and comments on the work, and also the work itself. There is also an editor, or team of editors who focus primarily on the layout of the magazine. *Digressions* is a good way to become familiar with basic elements of publication, if a student is interested in it as a profession.

Work is judged on several levels, from spelling and grammar to structure and

substance. Typos and other minor errors that seem accidental are corrected. However, any corrections or small alterations are done without changing the work's essence; the editors are not censors on language or content. Explicit language or imagery is not grounds for rejection, though it is analyzed in the context of the work as an artistic whole. The staff's job is to evaluate the artistic merits in every poem, story or visual artwork submitted, and to publish accordingly.

Shortly after publication, *Digressions* holds a launch where copies are first distributed and published contributors read their work publicly. The launch is entirely open, free and an excellent chance to meet the artists personally.

The *Digressions* staff usually begins meeting toward the end of fall, and I hope it will see more new staff and contributors next year. For more information, contact the magazine's adviser, Suzanne Ferriss, Ph.D., at ferriss@nova.edu or 954-262-8219.



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The Commons is the newest residence hall with an opening in August of 2007. This state-of-the-art living facility includes 501 student beds, classroom and the Office of Residential Life and Housing, Fitness facilities, community living rooms, study rooms, and a lot of indoor and outdoor common space for students to live 120 credits. The Commons is unique and distinctive in its inclusion of incorporating communities within the building. There are seven theme communities to choose from: The World Community, Leadership Community, Quiet Community, Business and Professional Community, Greek Village, and Wellness Community. The community living rooms will have comfortable seating that will create unique spaces for students to conduct study sessions, group meetings or hang out with friends.



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A Reflection of You

Theme Housing

A: Nova Southeastern University offers a variety of housing options for undergraduate students. An exciting component of this is the ability to join a theme housing community. These communities allow students to live and interact with students who share interests. Staff members assist in the theme selection process. The theme and social and educational programming are offered around the theme. Theme housing for freshmen students includes a Leadership Community, the LEAD[®] Community and a Good Community. General or theme housing information and applications can be found on our web site at www.nova.edu/residentiallife/housing. We look forward to your learning experience in the next year at NSU.



The Quiet Corridors

This community brings together students who prefer a quiet, studious environment. These students set their own community standards in regards to quiet hours and use of the study lounge. These students create a community of engaged, academically focused students. The Quiet Corridor is offered in both Goodwin Hall and the Commons Residence Hall. The members of the community in the Commons will assist with mentorship of the members of the community in Goodwin Hall.



Women's Empowerment Theme Communities The Sisterhood

For female students of any major who wish to live in an all-female environment and explore women's issues, raise awareness, and celebrate the spirit of women. We seek to empower women from a variety of cultures and communities while continuing to create safe and inclusive spaces for all. The Sisterhood is offered in both Goodwin Hall and the Commons Residence Hall. The women of the community in the Commons will assist with mentorship of the women in Goodwin Hall.

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These communities bring together leaders from areas such as the executive board of clubs and organizations, Student Government, Leadership Roundtable Scholars, the LEAD 3000 class and members of the leadership certificate program to learn more about themselves as leaders and to serve the campus community with their leadership skills. These communities will support the mission of the Leadership Development Program, developing leaders who can effectively lead themselves, their peers, and their organizations as students, professionals, and citizens.



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In addition, students can keep up with their favorite teams in the NSU Sports section, enjoy reviews of the latest in arts and entertainment in Variety, and speak their mind in *The Current's* popular Opinion section. *The Current* is the voice of the students and enhances their connection to the rest of the university. Letters to the editor are welcomed via email at nsunews@nova.edu.

Readers can also check out *The Current* online at our Web site, nsucurrent.com. There, readers can leave comments on our latest stories, browse the archives, post on the message boards and more. We serve as your connection to the rest of the university. Let us maximize your college experience... Get caught in *The Current*!

Meet Some of Our Staff

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer



I am a recent addition to *The Current* as Staff Writer. I am going on my junior year, pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing. I have had the experience of growing up in two different cultures. I lived in Florida until I was ten and then moved to Honduras where I graduated high school. I originally wanted to study journalism, but because NSU did not offer it, I decided on marketing. Because I'm studying marketing, *The Current* fulfills my passion to write. I hope that in the future, I can incorporate writing as well as fashion in my career with marketing.

Alexandra Paroulek
Chief of Visual Design



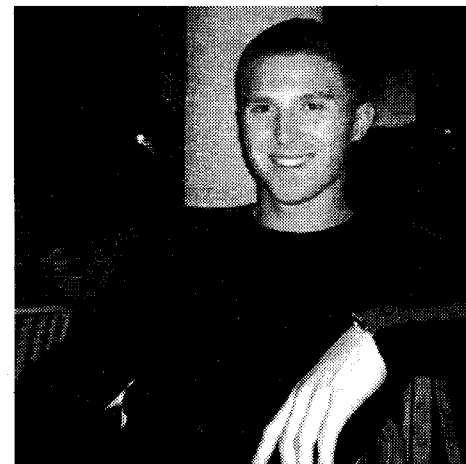
Hey! I'm Alex and I am the layout designer for *The Current*. I am a biology major in my senior year and I will be pursuing a career in naturopathic medicine, which is all about herbs and other natural treatments. Aside from designing the newspaper, I am also the secretary for Sigma Delta Tau sorority, researcher at NSU's Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research, a purple belt in karate, and member of the Honors Program. If you have any comments on my design work or just want to say hi, feel free to stop me on campus.

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor



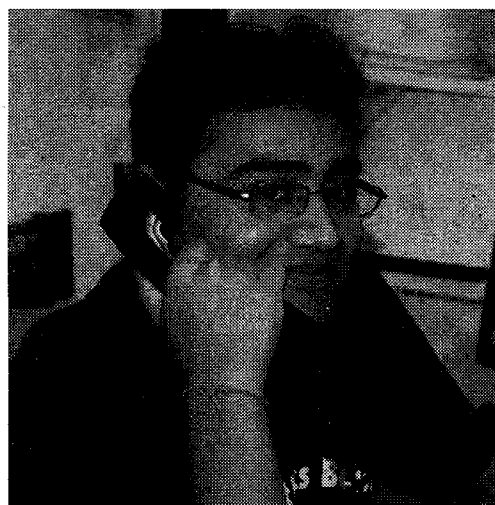
Hi! My name is Kristine Belizaire. I am a senior at NSU and double majoring in Communication Studies and Legal Studies with a minor in History. I am the Current Affairs Editor for *The Current*. I love writing about NSU current affairs because it gives me a chance to connect the students with events that matter to them. Look for my stories throughout the year! I love to hear from the NSU community, so let me know what you think about the events on campus!

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer



I'm Tim Coenraad and I joined *The Current* staff in Sept. of 2007 as a staff writer, focusing on the sports section. I have a passion for writing sports as I'm a member of the men's basketball team. During the 2007-08 season, I led the Sharks in multiple categories including scoring and assists. I'm entering my senior year as a student-athlete majoring in Sports and Recreational Management with dreams of one day playing professional basketball either in Europe or in my home country of Australia.

Akshat Bhargava
Business Manager



I have been working as a Business Manager for the newspaper since fall 2006. My primary responsibility is to generate revenue for the newspaper and manage the non-editorial aspect of it. I have also actively served in many capacities in various clubs, organizations, committee's and programs at NSU. For example: Student Government Association, Nova International Student Association, PANSQA, Presidential Ambassador, Diversity Ambassador, Academic Integrity Committee, Commencement Committee, NSU Community Fest Marketing Committee, and NSU Ethics Bowl Debate Team. Also, I have been inducted in various honor society both academic and leadership such as Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society.

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor



My name is Tranell Hope Mesa, but my friends call me Nelly. I am a 21 year-old senior from Miami, Fla. I'm majoring in psychology while working on a double minor in both sociology and family therapy with the hopes of one day joining a firm and becoming a child psychologist. I was a part of NSU's women's softball team as a freshman and sophomore from 2005-2007. As a junior, I joined the women's rowing team and helped claim a Sunshine State Conference Championship. Upon joining *The Current* in 2005 as a sports reporter, I moved forward and now hold the position as *The Current's* Sports Editor. I also work with NSU's Residential Life where I serve on the Summer Crew staff. I enjoy getting involved in nearly any type of sport, shopping, working out and fun filled days at the beach.

Tanya Parnes
NSU News Editor



My name is Tanya Parnes and I am the NSU News Editor for *The Current*. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Florida and I am currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution. I have always had a very strong interest in government and politics. I believe that it is very important to keep up with the news and to remain well informed about local, national and international events. There are so many occurrences that take place on a daily basis that directly impact our lives. Therefore, it is extremely important to pay attention to the news. I was immediately drawn to the news section of *The Current* when I came to NSU because I really feel as though it is necessary to keep students informed

about what is going on, both within the university itself, as well as in the outside communities. Students should not only be aware of these campus happenings, but also be asking questions constantly. I love to know, "Why?" I feel that it is my job as the news editor to ask the tough questions and get the answers that students rightfully deserve. I have worked with the newspaper over the last two years and have watched it grow tremendously in that time. I have had the chance to meet with several different individuals in various departments throughout the university which has helped me learn a lot about NSU and its history. I have really seen a lot of changes throughout the university during the last few years that have been really beneficial to the students and I hope to see even more of them in the future.

Americans for Informed Democracy



Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) is a non-partisan organization that brings the world home through programming on more than 1,000 U.S. university campuses and in more than 10 countries. AID fulfills its mission by coordinating town hall meetings on America's role in the world, hosting leadership retreats and publishing opinion pieces and reports on issues of

global importance. Through these efforts, AID seeks to build a new generation of globally conscious leaders who can shape an American foreign policy appropriate for our increasingly interdependent world.

AID is currently supporting four program areas: Global Development, Global Health, Global Environment and Global Peace & Security. Activities related to these areas throughout the nation have raised awareness and generated advocacy for labor rights and fair trade, poverty, environmental consciousness and the need to reduce carbon emissions, the shortage of medicines and prevention of diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis, and issues on peacekeeping and democratization – to name a few. Members sometimes meet in summits hosted by its various chapters across the nation and network with the speakers or representatives of the

groups. AID's leaders are former student activists who are committed to guiding and working with students in finding the best ways to support local and national initiatives.

AID's chapter at NSU has been active for almost two years. Our members have been mainly from the Conflict Analysis and Resolution Dept. (DCAR), but the organization's membership is open to any graduate student that is interested in forwarding the goals and initiatives of the group. Members of NSU AID have focused on the Global Peace and Security and Global Development program areas by hosting discussions about the Iraq war, the human rights violations at Abu Ghraib, the nature of war (including its legality and psychological consequences) and modern day slavery and human trafficking. At these events, we have worked with faculty members from DCAR,

the Center for Psychological Studies, and the Shepard Broad Law Center, as well as with the Fort Lauderdale Veteran Center, The Emancipation Network, Free the Slaves, the Miami Movement Against Human Trafficking and NSU student groups Catholic Life and the SHSS Student Association. Because Florida is among the top four states in human trafficking in the U.S., AID will try to establish various training and programs locally that raise awareness about it and increase the likelihood of this crime been reported this summer.

If you are interested in learning more about AID, feel free to visit www.aidemocracy.org. For more information about NSU's chapter contact Aniuska Luna at aniuska@nova.edu.

Caribbean Students Association

The Caribbean Students Association (CSA) was founded at NSU by three homesick freshmen in October 2000. It originally consisted of only eight members, including the e-board. Despite its small beginnings, CSA has always sought to appreciate, promote and maintain the culture and tradition of the Caribbean. We strive to create a home environment where Caribbean students can unite and feel free to voice their concerns and opinions on matters of interest and provide advisory assistance wherever possible.

CSA received two awards during the 2005-06 academic year: Organization of the month and Service Project of the year. We received both of these awards for our prompt response to the destruction of hurricane Katrina. We are now well publicized on the Internet hence, improving the participation of our members.

CSA is also well known for hosting some of the best events on campus, such as the All White Party, the Red & White Valentines Party and the Annual AIDS Lock-In. NSU's CSA also attends a bi-annual conference, which is hosted by Florida Caribbean Student Association

(FCSA). This conference is where various members of CSA from surrounding college campuses come together to talk about topics relating to the Caribbean experience in a fun environment. The conference lasts for three days and is filled with workshops and social events.

CSA is not limited to just Caribbean students, but is open to all who wish to learn more about and experience the Caribbean way of life. Our organization is continuing to grow tremendously, due to this factor. General meetings are hosted once a week, bi-weekly. These meetings are open to all NSU students. Members are those students who are actively involved in group's events, pay membership dues, attend general meetings, and follow the mission of the CSA.

In the future CSA plans to continue its expansion in the area of service commitments and social events. We hope to work with other organizations so that we can spread our knowledge of the Caribbean. Come and be apart of one the best organizations here at NSU.

"Beautiful by Diversity" is our motto and we plan to live up to it in everything we do.



Chicks on Point



The Chicks on Point Step Team (C.O.P) was founded at NSU in 2002 and became chartered in the Fall of 2003. Since then, we have been growing every year. We are currently 13 members strong and we perform at many NSU events and at various events off campus. Events include NSU Basketball games, Shark-a-Palooza, NSU's Annual CommunityFest, Homecoming festivities and many other events sponsored by other organizations on campus. C.O.P. is not just all about performing; we are also involved in various community service

projects such as Little Buddies Carnival, Street Clean Up and the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Try-outs start in the Fall, so don't miss your chance to become a "Chick on Point."

If you want to be a part of a close knit organization, have an interest in stepping or just want more information, e-mail Marquise or Iris at liris@nova.edu, or Vmarquis@nova.edu. Look for our sidewalk art in front of the library and our booth at the Undergraduate Orientations!

Gay-Straight Student Alliance at the Center for Psychological Studies

The Gay Straight Student Association (GSSA) is committed to promote a welcoming atmosphere for sexual-minority students (i.e., Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual; and Transgender) and non-sexual-minority students who are interested in working together to achieve a better understanding of the GLBT population. It strives to enhance training and research in GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.

As part of its mission the GSSA seeks to

- Provide an advising and support service for sexual minority students.

- Provide non-sexual minority students with a better understanding of the needs, lifestyles, assessment and psychotherapy with the GLBT population.

- Encourage research in GLBT issues.

- Represent the Center for Psychological Studies at national and international conventions in the specific area of GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.

- Provide service in colloquia and other seminars in the area of GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.

- Assist the Director of Academic Affairs and the Director of Clinical Training in modifying and augmenting professional training in the area of GLBT counseling and psychotherapy.

- Provide outreach volunteer services in order to assist the local GLBT population.

Consistent with its mission, the GSSA has also become active in various community service venues. For example, GSSA was a co-sponsor of and members served as volunteers at the SunServe Social Services Center. This organization holds an annual GLBT family conference entitled "Valuing Our Families." GSSA members have also volunteered their time at the Poverello Center (a local HIV/AIDS community based food bank and thrift store) and at the Fort Lauderdale Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCC).

International Muslim Association at NSU

Hina Ismail
IMAN Co-President 2008-2009



The purpose of the International Muslim Association at NSU (IMAN) is to unite all Muslims on campus and provide a better understanding of the Islamic faith throughout the NSU community. Through social and religious events, we strive to enhance the understanding of the Islamic faith. The International Muslim Association was founded by group of students in 1998 and has many involved members. Although IMAN is a religious organization, it is not limited to religion alone and one does not have to be Muslim to join.

IMAN has hosted many successful events in the past. A well recognized event in the NSU community is the annual Fast-A-Thon. This event takes place during Ramadan, a month in the Islamic calendar which is spent fasting during the daylight hours from dawn to dusk. During the Fast-a-Thon, we ask non-Muslims to pledge to fast with us for one day by refraining from anything that is important to them. For every person that fasts, we ask businesses to donate. All the proceeds go to local charities. During Ramadan, IMAN also takes into consideration those students who are on campus during iftaar, (breaking of the fast) and provides weekly iftaars. We also host Eid Dinners. Eid is a Muslim holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. IMAN also holds Islamic Awareness Week, to educate people about the Islamic religion. During an entire week, informative flyers, pamphlet and representatives of IMAN who take questions are available. On Fridays, Jumma

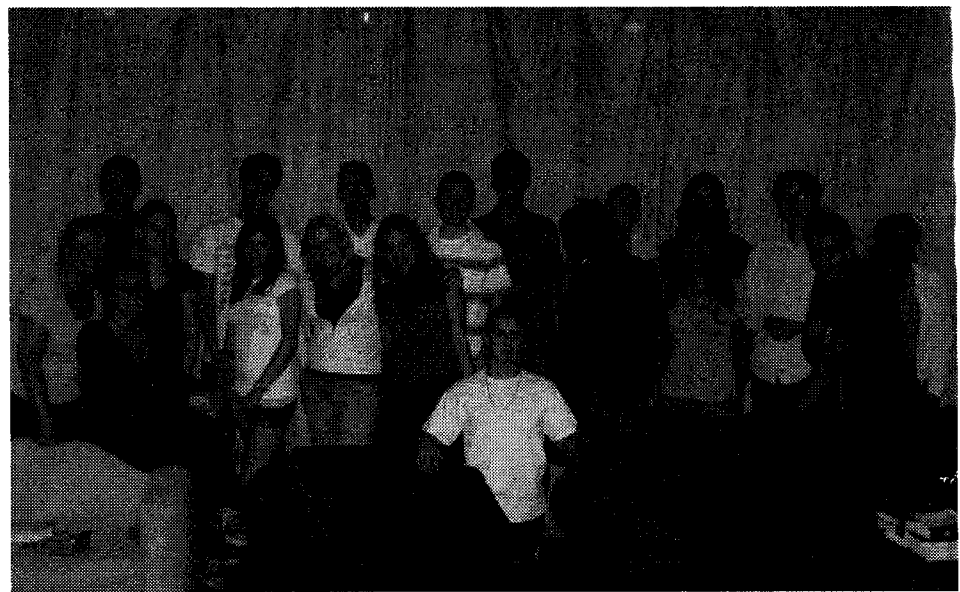
prayers are also held on campus.

Along with doing religious events, we also try to incorporate social activities in all these events. In the previous year, IMAN also took part in a Fashion Show which included all the religious organizations on campus. Although these events are religious, they initiate members to interact in a social climate. We also welcome feedback from members, such as suggestions on prospective events and activities.

IMAN is a very active club and is striving to be known throughout the NSU community. All the effort put forth by the members has resulted in numerous successful events. Last semester, IMAN was honored with the Spiritual Life Event of the Year award for the event "Islamophobia." In the past, IMAN has also been awarded and nominated many times for the Student Lifetime Achievement awards, also known as the STUEYS.

The IMAN e-board would like to welcome you to NSU and hope that you take an interest in IMAN. General meetings take place once a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. If you are interested in joining IMAN or would just like some more insight on Islam, please be sure to attend the meetings. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at ihina@nova.edu or the co-president, Shaika Noor, at shayika@nova.edu. We hope you all can be a part of making IMAN a successful organization on campus.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship



A group of IVCF members after a meeting in the Spiritual Life Lounge.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is a group of people that meets weekly on campus to discuss the Christian faith, meet new people and build a sense of community. IVCF exists to build a lifelong bond of friendship and love between our members, to unite all Christian believers of NSU, to inform people of other beliefs or faiths about God's love and to unite with other religious clubs to foster a more dynamic and tolerant campus. IVCF seeks to break down stereotypes and increase spiritual awareness at NSU. At IVCF, Christians can come together in love and fellowship to learn more about God and share His love to the NSU campus. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Jesus and following him is welcome.

We meet on Monday evenings at 8:15 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Lounge on the

second floor of the Rosenthal Building. We typically have a time of worship through song, a Bible study and a discussion time. Most everyone sticks around for a while after just to hang out and get to know everyone.

Some of our events other than our weekly meetings include Sharkapalooza (the school wide event for clubs and organizations), Christmas dinner, fundraisers such as carwashes and flower sales, BBQs, scavenger hunts and Nova Rocks – a concert right here on campus!

If you have any questions, you can email nsuivcf@gmail.com, or contact Tandace Burkhart, the current President at tandace@nova.edu or Alissa Lenz, the current Vice President at alenz@nova.edu. Or just come out to our first meeting on Monday, August 25, 2008 in the Spiritual Life Lounge.

NSU Conservatives

Anthony Campenni
NSU Conservatives President

NSU Conservatives was founded in the fall of 2006. Today, we are actively promoting our conservative ideals and patriotism around campus. The objective of this club is to contribute to the growth and influence of the Republican Party on campus. The NSU Conservatives also support and participate in the formation of the principles and policies of the Republican Party, work to make the Republican Party the majority party, promote good government at all levels, work for the election of Republican candidates for public office and politically educate the club membership.

Our meetings are held bi-weekly, in the Parker Building on Tuesday's from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The NSU Conservatives hold many events throughout the year, from going to play paintball to taking our annual trip to Washington D.C. for the Conservative Political Action Conference.

This is a great club for NSU students that are looking to get involved on campus! If you are interested in joining, please email Anthony Campenni, club President, at campenni@nova.edu. Also, check out our facebook.com group, NSU Conservatives, for more information.



Below: Our campus activism project 9-11 Never Forget.



Think B.I.G. and Get Involved on Campus!

Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement

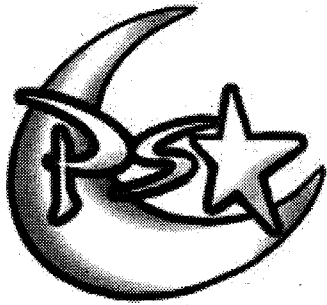
NSU is a place where every student can find opportunities to belong to the campus community, impact others positively through their talents and skills, and experience personal growth and development – Belong, Impact and Grow... B.I.G.! The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement is here to partner with you on finding opportunities to get involved on campus and developing your ability to lead and impact others effectively. The office includes the areas of Leadership Development, Civic Engagement, Spiritual Life, Multicultural Affairs, and International Students. We are located on the second floor of the Rosenthal Building.

Your student experience will be much more fun and meaningful if you get involved outside of the classroom. We can help you get connected to volunteer opportunities or you can propose your own service project by contacting Jennifer Bowman-Wilson, GA for Civic Engagement, at volunteer@nova.edu. Interested in earning a certificate in leadership, or accessing tools to help you become a more effective officer in your student organization? Contact Marcie Washington, GA for Leadership and Development, at leadership@nova.edu. Cherise James, GA for Multicultural Affairs, can link you up with a wide variety of cultural clubs and organizations and also get you

involved with the annual Diversity Summit and Unity Week. Contact her at jcherise@nova.edu. All international students will want to talk with Shamika Darby, GA for International Students, who offers a number of programs and services specially designed for international students at NSU. You can contact her at dshamika@nova.edu. To learn more about Spiritual Life at NSU, including the NSU Prayer Breakfast, religious clubs, and the Spiritual Life Council, contact Terry Morrow, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, at tmorrow@nova.edu. You can also contact Morrow to get involved in this year's NSU CommunityFest, an annual festival for the entire campus community, or to learn about the Student Government Association.

What will your legacy at NSU be? Each NSU student can make a positive impact on the university. Maybe you will start a new tradition. Maybe you will raise thousands of dollars for people in need through a fabulous service project. Maybe you will develop your leadership skills and use them to lead a student organization or host a great event on campus. The possibilities for getting involved and having fun are endless, so... think B.I.G.! To find out more, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at 954-262-7195.

Pakistani Student Association



Nova Southeastern University

On behalf of NSU Pakistani Student Association (PSA), we would like to welcome all freshmen to NSU. The main goal of PSA is to bring the Pakistani community closer together and to promote the Pakistani culture as well as ethics. We are students who are actively pursuing our education, yet at the same time, striving to promote our Pakistani heritage and culture.

This organization is very young, but in the past, PSA has done a number of dinners, cultural shows, get-togethers and much more. Some major events hosted by NSU PSA last year were The PSA Eid Dinner at Hong Kong Buffet, Antakshari Night, Cultural Night and the Bhangra Jam. The current PSA executives are very enthusiastic

and optimistic about the upcoming year and with your suggestions and encouragement, we aim to make this year a memorable one.

PSA members receive priority and discounts on all of our events. A member has the right to vote to elect the executive council and also to run for the executive council. The membership fee is annual and is a nominal amount which is determined by the executive council each year. To become a member, please feel free to send us an email or see us at the organizational fair at your orientation. You can contact Ayesha Mohammed at mayesha@nova.edu for more information.



PSA e-Board (L-R) Hina, Myra, Anam, Aisha, Ayesha, Kanwal and Samia.



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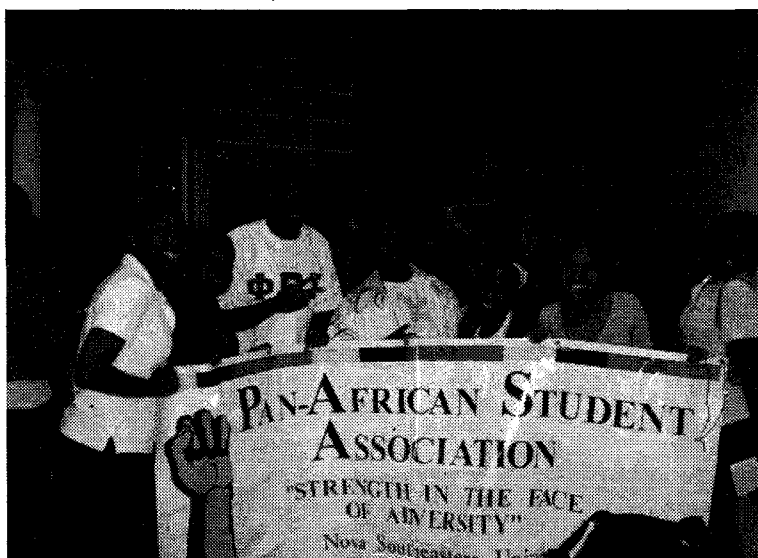
**\$1.00 OFF any Iced or Frozen
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Coupons can be redeemed at any of our coffee bar
locations around campus (Starbucks, HPD Kiosk &
Connections Cafe). Offer expires on June 30, 2008.

Pan African Student Association

The Pan-African Student Association (P.A.S.A.) is a student organization that was founded at NSU in 1986. The organization was founded as a vehicle for developing unity and cultural awareness among all students at NSU so that we may jointly address the problems unique to minorities in higher education. Our mission is to develop unity and cultural awareness among all students at NSU. We strive to academically advance, politically enlighten and socially motivate all NSU students, so that we may become more aware of the various cultures that surround us.

Meetings are conducted every other Friday and consist of event discussion (past and present), future plans and discussion questions regarding sex, race, fraternity and sorority, political, relationships, school issues, family, etc. P.A.S.A. is proud of its culture and would love to share information



with others. As such, the club is open to everyone.

Some events we participate in during the year are historical black events (such as black history month), parties to raise money for our organization, volunteer work and collaboration with other organizations for campus and social events. Be assured that when you join P.A.S.A., you will be gaining new knowledge and new perspectives! We encourage newcomers to venture into our club. You definitely will be a better person for having gained this experience while having a wonderful time.

Pre-Dental Society

The NSU Pre-Dental Society offers membership to perspective students who have a desire to establish a career in the field of dentistry. We are a relatively new society whose main goal is to provide our members not only with valuable resources, but also with many opportunities that will help them achieve their goal of entering this competitive field.

Dental Medicine is an extremely diverse and challenging field to say the least, and requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and of course, motivation. The good news is that you do not have to do it alone! The Pre-Dental society as a whole works together

in workshops, volunteer opportunities and dental related events. We hold monthly meetings regarding DATs, activities, clinical workshops and much more. We often collaborate with other Pre-Health organizations and provide our members with information on shadowing, internships and community service. As our executive board is gearing up for another year, we are always open for questions and new ideas. Please check out our Web site for the latest updates, events, contacts and links to important dental information at www.nova.edu/predent.



Pre-Medical Society

The NSU Pre-Medical Society is a student-run organization that is dedicated to assisting undergraduates in their medical school endeavors. Our active members are a diverse group of students helping each other to accomplish a single goal: acceptance to medical school.

The Pre-Medical society is the largest growing organization on campus, with over 90 members, and is devoted to promoting educational support and volunteer opportunities for the campus community. We not only offer informational seminars, volunteer opportunities and test prep events, but we also provide our members hands-on opportunities with our unique Suture Clinics and Patient Vitals/Documentation workshops. We hold general meetings every month to make it convenient for our members to attend.

For one to become an active member, one must be interested in the medical profession and must pay our \$20 membership fee which includes, but is not limited to, access to our listserv, all volunteer events, fundraisers and our official Pre-Med polo shirt. This all can be done by contacting us via our Web site www.nova.edu/premedsociety or by attending our first general meeting which will be announced the first month of the fall semester.



Pre-Medical Society at American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Conference in Washington D.C. 2006-2007.

Psychology Club

The Psychology Club invites everyone to join in the festivities of the coming year. We are a club open to all students, regardless of major. Our organization provides students with information and activities concerning psychology. We offer the opportunity to meet new friends on campus, learn about the field of psychology, meet professionals in the field, and gain hands on experience through getting involved with on-campus research and volunteering in the community. Our mission as the Psychology Club is to better our understanding of psychology and to use our skills in this field to better the NSU campus and society as a whole.

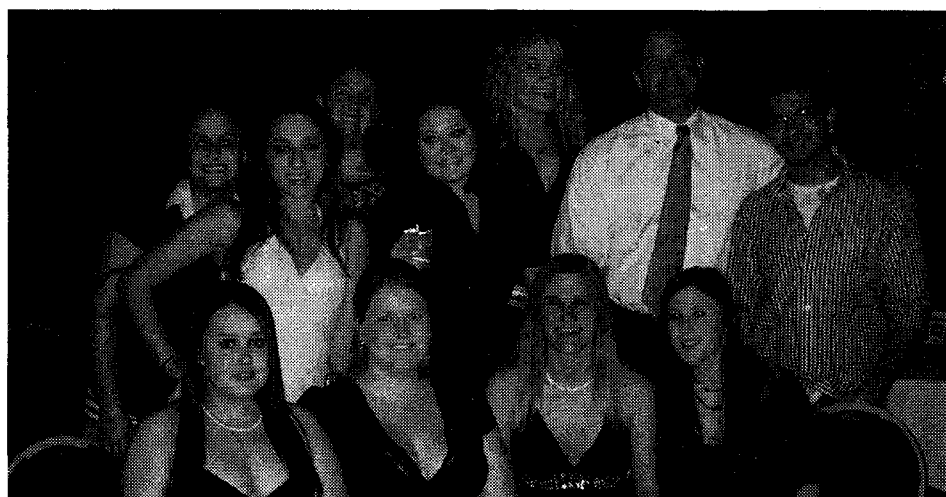
If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lauren Delucca at delucca@nova.edu or Christi O'Neill at chrionei@nova.edu.



Residential Student Association

Welcome to NSU on behalf of the Residential Student Association (RSA). RSA is an organization made of up students who live on campus at NSU. Our goal is to help build a sense of community within the residential halls by putting on events, hosting informational sessions and helping to fix concerns and problems that residents may have with their experience in the residence halls. We meet bi-weekly in one of our classrooms and we would love to have you join our team. Our first big event of the year will be on Saturday Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. behind the Commons Hall. It will be a Hawaiian style speed dating and friendship making event with great food from Blue Sky Restaurant and tons of great prizes.

Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. You may email the club president, Danielle Padgett at dpadgett@nova.edu or the club vice president Jean



Torres, at jtortres@nova.edu. We are looking forward to seeing you in the fall at our first general meeting and on Saturday, Aug. 23.

"We do it in the halls" and we want you to be a part of the fun!

Scuba Club

Got that sinking feeling? Try NSU Scuba Crew

Zach Conaway

It's an amazing experience really. You feel weightless, almost like in outer space; you couldn't be farther from Earth. You're simply floating a few feet from the ocean floor in search of the next reef, wreck or whatever may come across your way. It's an adventure every time, to say the least.

Scuba stands for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. One should be able to guess that it was intended to explore the bottom of the ocean. Originally used by the U.S. military in World War II, scuba was brought into the mainstream by explorer, scientist and photographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau. Presently, there are estimates of between 1.5 and 4 million divers in the U.S. alone. Various wrecks, reefs and fish havens make South Florida an ideal area to dive without spending the high prices associated with various dive resorts. You can even go to the beach, walk right into the water wearing your dive gear and find numerous relics left behind. The number of wrecks along the coast from Palm Beach to Ft. Lauderdale has given the area the nickname of "Wreck Alley."

The NSU Scuba Crew is a group open

to all undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and alumni who want to develop skills and to enjoy the experience of scuba diving. We seek to create dive opportunities on the NSU campus. We want to help those who are interested in getting certified and maximizing their skills underwater. We also want to have fun whenever we meet or go out on the water. We have a very capable Divemaster, Prof. Kevin McCarthy, who has many years of dive experience and is an instructor with the NAUI diving agency.

Scuba Crew will have various dives scheduled throughout the upcoming year. Within the first couple of weeks of the beginning of school we will schedule snorkel/scuba trips to John Pennkamp Reef in the Florida Keys. Our dives will be advertised well in advance so participants can prepare their gear and fix any schedule conflicts. We will also begin basic certifications on campus as soon as possible.

Scuba Crew meets every other Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building, Room 1047. Keep an eye out for us. For any extra information please contact Zach Conaway at conaway@nova.edu.

NSUSGA

Hello incoming students,

We are the undergraduate student government association at NSU, but we are better known by our fellow students as "NSUSGA." Our main purpose for us writing to you is to let you know that all of you are extremely important to us. Also, we want to show you all what we have to offer you towards your upcoming experiences at NSU.

NSUSGA is quite a unique and innovative organization. We are known to offer an array of assistance to our students from anything dealing with activities for other clubs and organizations to the more serious legislative affairs that may possibly affect your day to day experience out at NSU (such as the potential Florida Residency Access Grant (FRAG) cut that is currently on the table in state congress) and other student legislation like resolutions

for student funding. Also, it is great way to build leadership skills that you can use in the real world and be able network with students that you would not be able to meet elsewhere. If you give us a shot, we will make it worth your while being a part of this organization.

We still have a few positions in NSUSGA that are still available. To learn more about NSUSGA, you can either go to our Web site, www.nsusga.nova.edu, or you can join our facebook.com group titled "NSUSGA." We insist that you check out both of these options. We are really looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

The Nova Southeastern University
Undergraduate Student Government
Association

West Palm Beach Student Government Association

Welcome Back! It is time for another great school year to begin. The West Palm Beach Student Government Association (SGA) has many wonderful events planned for this upcoming year. To the new students who are beginning their first semester at NSU, the West Palm Beach SGA would like to welcome and congratulate you on your acceptance.

SGA is an association that allows students' voices to be heard. If there are any problems or concerns occurring at the West Palm Beach site or even if there are any questions regarding the student lounge, you are always welcome to leave suggestion slips on the student bulletin board in the break room, or you can always approach any of the officers or our adviser, Carola Wangeci, and we will try to address your concerns as much as we can. Every single concern or issue is read and discussed by the SGA officers. We will try our best to resolve whatever concern you may have as a student. If not we will make sure that your concern or issue is passed on to the right channels so it can be heard and resolved.

To allow for a better college experience, SGA holds many events to bring a sense

of unity among its students. In the past we have held BBQs, brunch on the weekends, lunches during the week, family "fin" day, and many other events that will be organized again this year. These events are held to not only give the student body a reason to fill their stomachs, but an opportunity to meet other classmates, as well as other peers in many other programs on campus.

Looking to give back to the community? Look no further. SGA participates in many community services, such as Habitat for Humanity and holding canned good drives throughout the year.

SGA is here for you. We exist for the purposes of serving you and the student body here in West Palm Beach Campus. We are open to any ideas and concerns, as one can see through the creative events we have hosted and differences we have made on campus. We are a very diverse campus, therefore, we celebrate many holidays in order to teach others about different cultures as well as reminding many about home. School can be exhausting, so take advantage of these events to stay well-grounded, connected, and maybe make new friends along the way.

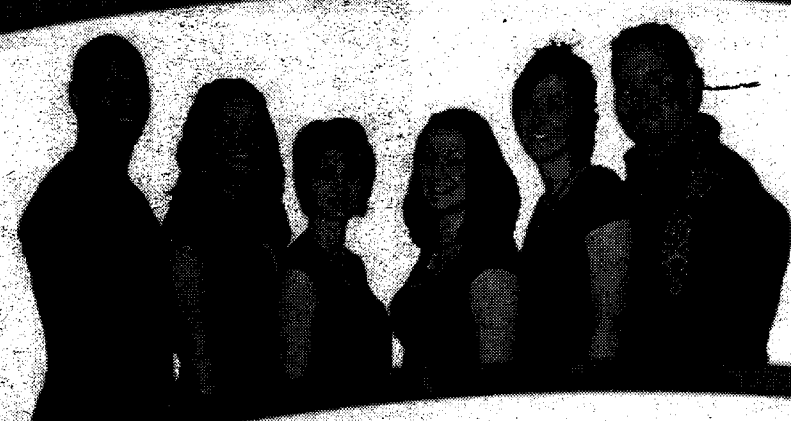
Sharkettes Dance Team

Dancing is what the Sharkettes are all about. The Sharkettes are NSU's official dance team, and are dedicated to spreading spirit throughout NSU while entertaining a crowd. The Sharkettes incorporate the dance styles of hip-hop, ballet and lyrical in their choreography with an emphasis on jazz. The team meets three times a week for practice and performs at school events regularly. Last school year, the Sharkettes


performed at NSU's Community Fest, Greek Unity Jam, a Women in Distress charity event, Quad Thursday and more. The Sharkettes are a close knit team of dancers and are always looking for new members who love to dance. The Sharkettes will be holding auditions the second week into the fall 2008 semester, so look for posters and flyers for more info! The Sharkettes can be contacted at sharkettes@yahoo.com.



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NSUSGA at the Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl
in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (AKA) was founded at Howard University in Washington D.C. by nine ambitious African American visionaries – among them, the honorable Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. It is the oldest Greek letter organization to be established in America by women of color. Those young ladies could not have imagined that their sisterhood, based on scholarship and service to all mankind, would develop into an international organization with more than 200,000 members giving back to their communities.

As the sorority grew, it kept in balance two important themes: the importance of the individual and the strength of an organization of women of ability and courage. Throughout the history of AKA, many of its members have been in the forefront of several great milestones in America's history, such as the suffrage and civil rights movements. The year 2008 brings great pride to the sisterhood because it entails 100 years of excellence. The centennial year brings with it the addition of AKA to NSU. On April 13, 2008, seventeen studious young ladies chartered a new chapter, Sigma Chi, in hopes of continuing to make a difference in Broward County while also making an impact on the NSU community.

This Fall, be on the lookout for the Sigma Chi chapter of AKA as they celebrate their arrival at NSU! For more information regarding Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. be sure to visit the national website at www.aka1908.com.

Alpha Kappa Psi The Professional Business Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi (AKP) is a professional coeducational business fraternity which was founded at New York University in 1905. It began as a result of the belief by its founders that a "higher education for businesspeople was a vital need in America." These founders created the fraternity as one that promotes the demand for high ideals and educational success, along with the dedication of strengthening the overall community.

AKP cannot be classified as a regular club or organization – it is a prestigious and unique association of various individuals with common goals and values. This association of principled and dynamic persons impacts the community by turning its members into principled business leaders that are destined for success in this ever changing business world we are a part of.

AKP provides a way for its members to transpose into the business world with a greater knowledge and a more ambitious attitude. This professional business fraternity entered NSU on May 22, 2005. AKP holds various events yearly to provide its members a more realistic perspective of the business world, while creating the bond of a brotherhood that is irreplaceable. Members of AKP truly benefit from the wide world of networking when they attend these professional and exclusive events.

Unquestionably, AKP provides the opportunity for individuals to develop their professional skills within a brotherhood that encourages members on their journey to success. For more information on your local AKP NSU Chapter email: akpsinsu@gmail.com.

Alpha Phi Omega National Co-ed Service Fraternity



APHiO brothers doing service in Orlando for the 2008 Section 4 Conference.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) is a Co-ed National Service Fraternity that is based on student volunteerism. We are the largest Greek letter organization in the country. Since our founding in 1925, we have grown to over 350 chapters nationwide with over 300,000 students joining our organization. Membership is open to all students, regardless of gender, race, religious belief or national origin. APO is based on the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Our members are given the opportunity to discover and develop leadership skills, make lasting friendships and provide useful service to others.

Our chapter of APO was chartered on the NSU campus in 1997. Since our establishment, the chapter has been involved in numerous campus, community and national service events and projects.

Some of our yearly projects include: The Love Jen Festival, Y-100 Wing Ding, Easter Seals, The Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, Florida Marlins/MDA Jersey Off Their Backs Event and many more. We also participate in various activities within the fraternity, including sectional, regional, and national conferences.

Our upcoming Fall 2008 rush is sure to be one of the best ever, so be on the lookout for flyers! Rush is our traditional recruitment period, and is a week of fun activities that end with a service project and a ceremony for those who wish to pledge. Past rush activities have included: information nights, trips to Game Works, movie nights, ice cream socials and dinners at various restaurants. All rush events are free to all students who are interested in joining or learning more about APO. You

may come to one or all of them. Those who wish to join APO will go through an eight week pledge program, which is a period of training in which you learn about APO, our principles, and participate in our chapters' events. The only requirement to join APO is to be a current NSU student, undergraduate or graduate.

Feel free to check out our bulletin board, in the Parker building 2nd floor. If you would like to be added to our rush information list, please send an email to our rush chair Elizabeth Gist at egist@nova.edu or check out our chapter Web site at <http://www.nova.edu/~aphio> to see what we are all about. If you would like more information on our national fraternity, visit <http://www.apo.org>. We hope to see you soon!

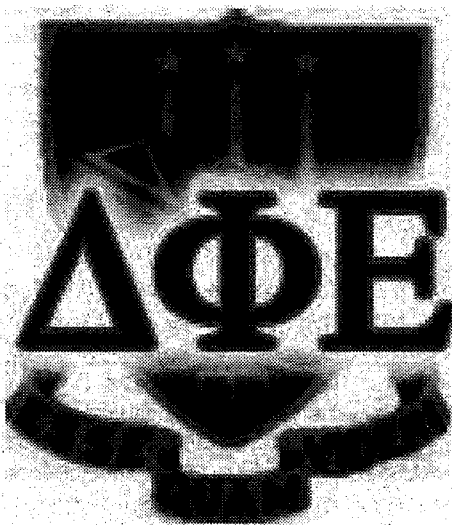
Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

Delta Phi Epsilon sorority was the first Greek Organization at NSU and we have been here for 13 consecutive years. We were nationally founded on March 17, 1917 at NYU Law School. We are a social sorority, but focus a lot of our time on community service and the betterment of our campus. We not only strive to better our community, but we strive to better ourselves as individuals, as per our vision statement: "Setting the standard for sisterhood in an ever-changing world."

Delta Phi Epsilon has worked to develop a social consciousness and a willingness to think and act for the common good in order to assure continuous development and achievement in the collegiate and fraternity world. We have a year full of events such as sisterhood retreats to Disney World, socials with fraternities and sororities on campus and several philanthropic events to raise money for our three philanthropies: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, and the Delta Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation. Our sorority maintains a constant sense of pride and love for what we stand for and work hard all year long to represent our sorority.

As any organization, we are not only

defined by our members, but also by our annual events around campus. To start the year off, we host our annual male beauty pageant known as "Mr. Fintastic" in the



fall semester. We select men from around campus to participate and the crowd votes for the winner by donating money in the name of each contestant. The contestant with

the most money wins. All proceeds from this event go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We also host an annual fashion show in the winter semester in conjunction with the Ft. Lauderdale Art Institute; all proceeds from this event go to philanthropy of our choice. Our last fashion show, we raised \$3,000, which was donated to Relay for Life and The American Cancer Society. During this past school year, our sorority raised over \$8,000 for several charities. However, we not only participate in our own events and those of the university but we show support for events held by other clubs and organizations and strive to better our Greek Community as a whole. This year, we received honors such as the Greek Organization of the Year, the Civic Engagement Award and the Greek Week Champions. Many of our members also won awards such as: Emerging Female Leader of the Year, Sophomore Leader of the Year, Senior Leader of the Year, Greek Woman of the Year and Greek President of the Year.

If you want to get to know us and other Greek Organizations on campus look out for flyers about our 'Go Greek Week' coming in the fall 2008. For more information, contact chapter president Alina Tawil at tawil@nova.edu.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity



Kappa Sigma's Omicron Eta Chapter was founded at NSU on December 10, 2005 and has already risen to becoming the largest and most successful social Greek fraternity on campus in only three years. Internationally, Kappa Sigma fraternity is the most preferred, largest in pledging and philanthropic fraternity in the U.S. and Canada.

Kappa Sigma's main goal for its members is to "become better men" by following four pillars: fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. Fellowship is found within the chapter and the bond formed between brothers in the fraternity. Leadership is to help brothers find the personal tools to develop the skills necessary to be a leader and to become more involved in the campus community. Scholarship is designed for every member to achieve the highest level of academic excellence throughout their time at NSU. Finally, service is designed for brothers to help give back to the community by volunteering. The Omicron Eta chapter has donated over 300 community service hours and over \$5,000 to various charities.

Every brother of Kappa Sigma is involved in other clubs and organizations

such as Accounting Club, Billiards Club, Alpha Phi Omega, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Law, Tri Beta and many more. We also participate in intramural sports throughout the year such as volleyball, soccer, basketball and ultimate Frisbee.

Within its short existence at NSU, Kappa Sigma has already become the largest and most successful fraternity on campus. Within the past two years they have been awarded with the Emerging Leader of the Year award both in 2007 and 2008, Best New Member Program award, Most Campus Involvement award, and the STUEY for Undergraduate Organization of the Year.

Any prospective undergraduates who are interested in joining Kappa Sigma Fraternity should attend the Recruitment Week which runs from Sept. 8 to Sept. 13. There will be several events held throughout the week in order for prospective students to come and acquaint themselves with the brotherhood. For further information about joining Kappa Sigma at NSU please contact Anthony Ferrara, Recruitment Chair, at aferrara@nova.edu or (954) 288-6233. You can also get more information at www.ohkappasigma.com or www.myspace.com/ohkappasigma.

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority

Lorena Cabrera

The sisterhood of the first Latin sorority in the nation is one like no other; it's a sisterhood based on the principles of unity, love and respect. You may have seen the Greek letters ΛΘΑ on the shirts and around the necks of more ladies than ever last semester. That's because the lovely Lambda Ladies wearing burgundy and grey are back and making an impact on the NSU campus.

In 1975, an organization arose that would eternally shine. Seventeen determined ladies at Kean University in Union, New Jersey established a support group for Latinas and set the standards for the empowerment of the Universal Woman at colleges and universities across the nation. Today, Lambda Theta Alpha (LTA) has chapters at universities and colleges all over the U.S., sharing one common mission: to provide a sisterhood based on unity, love and respect; to develop strong leaders who will then provide and practice political, social and cultural activities; to promote Latino unity through charitable and educational programs; to maintain a high standard of learning, and serve as a voice for all Latino students.

Although LTA is a Latin sorority by tradition, it is not one by definition. We pride ourselves on being a non-exclusionary organization that embraces every culture and every sister. This is what our sisterhood is about. Hence, it's no surprise that so many sisters who do not attend NSU have been spotted on our campus on days that we are hosting events.

As you can see, our organization is all about support.

So what makes LTA different? Tradition is an aspect of this organization that cannot be shunned. As Lambda Ladies, we practice our cultural traditions with great pride. Our traditions include saluting, strolling, chanting, our hand sign and our call – all of which embody our cultures and display our unity as sisters. Many sororities have similar traditions, but one that is unique to LTA is saluting. For our organization, saluting resembles a form of poetry in motion. It is something that is done to pay homage to a sister who has done something great, and to acknowledge past and present accomplishments of the organization. It is typically done in unison with other sisters and incorporates modern songs and movements to emphasize points.

We are LTA's Gamma Delta Chapter "The Divas of the South" Although there are few of us in this chapter, we are doing big things. We strongly believe that what it takes to build a strong chapter is quality not quantity. In the short time that we have been active, we have completed over twenty hours of community service ranging from a walk for autism, to volunteering throughout Greek Week at NSU. Also, we had a founder's week that consisted of events such as a pool party and an exhibition at Quad Thursday. That was just in a couple of weeks; imagine what is still to come! For more information email jvcline5@yahoo.com.



Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity



Lambda Theta Phi (LTP) provides college students with the opportunity to be part of a congenial family with a mission. Our mission is to cultivate a spirit of brotherhood, to value an education, to promote unity among all Latinos, to be proud of and cherish our heritage, to assert roles of leadership, to develop character, to practice chivalry, to serve mankind and to aim for the stars. In short, LTP works to raise the social and cultural conscience of the Latin or minority male college student.

LTP has conquered new lands: the institutions of higher learning, with chapters

all over the U.S., spanning 96 Universities. In Florida, all major universities have a Lambda chapter. Our brotherhood's best attribute is that regardless of the school, our bond is still just as strong. We travel all over the South Florida region to support one another, and continue to maintain the brotherhood that was started 33 years ago on December 1, 1975 at Kean College in Union, New Jersey.

On a more local level, LTP also boasts some of NSU's most dynamic leaders. We have always believed in leading our campus community and we do so in various positions. Our brothers have served as orientation leaders, resident advisors, student government members, Greek Council Presidents and Student Body Presidents. LTP's brothers have always prided themselves on going above and beyond the call of duty to serve our campus, so we feel it is essential to our mission that we become as committed to NSU as possible.

In order to be a member of LTP, you always have academic standards to meet. LTP has always focused on the academic growth of our brothers and set up individually catered programs to help each

brother excel in the classroom. We teach our brothers time management and balance, so that they can achieve their overall goal of one day graduating, and becoming a productive member of society.

Why do we stand out? It's very simple actually. LTP has always believed in quality over quantity, and our member base has always been smaller than other fraternities. However, you will see our brothers accomplishing just as much, if not more, than larger organizations with four times the membership. Some of our more daunting accomplishments include maintaining the highest fraternity GPA the last three years, completing the most community service hours of any fraternity this past year and receiving an award for the Most Outstanding Community Service project, as we adopted Nova Dr. and actively maintain it.

During the year, our brothers are heavily involved in the university, and host events to establish our presence. We host the Brown and White Jumpoff – NSU's first and only statewide salute, step and stroll competition. We also host the Women's Appreciation Banquet, an event dedicated to promoting the empowerment of women leaders on our campus through scholarship. We host the

annual Unity Jam, a cultural celebration where numerous organizations participate by bringing cultural foods or performing cultural dances, steps or strolls. We have also raised money for causes such as the South Florida Coalition for the Homeless, the Dominican Republic Hurricane Relief Fund and the Peruvian Earthquake Relief Fund. Simply put, we do these things not because we seek recognition. We do them because we are committed to the ideals and mission our Founding Fathers created 33 years ago: Unity, Leadership, Scholarship, Brotherhood, and Respect.

On behalf of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc., I would like to thank you for your interest in our organization. In addition, we welcome any students open to learning about the Latino culture to look into our organization. We have multicultural brothers, and by becoming a Lambda, they have all taken an oath to uphold the ideals of the fraternity. LTP is building the Latin and minority leaders of tomorrow, those who will provide the guidance and leadership for our community and nation.

You can look us up online at www.nsulambdas.org, or www.lambda1975.org

Phi Alpha Delta Law School... Do You See it in Your Future?



PAD participating in a Block Painting Party.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity International (PAD) is the largest international pre-law fraternity. It offers opportunities for leadership, community involvement, academic assistance and guidance in successfully completing the law school application process. The pre-law fraternity you choose can have a significant impact on your law school and professional career. NSU's Pre-Law Chapter of PAD maintains a strong tradition of academic excellence combined with a unique atmosphere of camaraderie.

Prominent PAD members include past

U.S. Presidents such as James E. Carter and William Clinton, as well as Supreme Court Justices such as William H. Taft and Samuel Alito.

Getting Into Law School: PAD sponsors seminars on virtually every aspect of the application process. Examples include resume writing, personal statements, and administering mock LSAT tests.

Community Service: Community service is a hallmark of the legal profession. PAD strives to uphold these principles by participating in various community service projects. For the year 2007-2008, PAD put

on Operation Support, which was a project to collect items for troops overseas. Also, PAD participated in a beach clean up.

Social Events: PAD understands the rigorous nature of college. In response to the stress involved with school, PAD provides its members with opportunities to relax and unwind by sponsoring social functions. Last year, PAD members relaxed together at various restaurants and at our end of the year BBQ.

Real World Exposure: PAD takes students out of the classroom and into the real life environment of the legal profession.

Members attend law fairs and court tours. PAD also sponsors law student panels and professional panels with lawyers.

PAD is eager to offer our assistance to enhance your educational experience at NSU. Applications and more information about the fraternity can be found on the PAD bulletin board located on the second floor of the Parker Building. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our President Ryan Nicol at rryan@nova.edu or our advisor Timothy Dixon at dixon@nova.edu. The members of PAD look forward to meeting you soon!



PAD's pizza and paddle social.

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority

Jillian Maffucci
Phi Sigma Sigma President

Phi Sigma Sigma is a dynamic women's leadership organization which strives to achieve the best in sisterhood, scholarship, philanthropy and social activities. The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma had a wonderful last year. We rose over \$2,000 for our chapter through fundraisers at Dolphin's Stadium. We also rose over \$1,000 for philanthropies, such as Breast Cancer Awareness, National Kidney Foundation and the Autism Walk. Our chapter received the Outstanding Alumni Relations Award for the second year in a row. We also held socials with Beta Theta Pi, Lambda Theta Phi, and Kappa Sigma.

Throughout the year we also took part in sisterhood events, retreats, and weekly events. All of our sisters are involved in many other campus organizations, and some hold leadership positions – so no matter where you may be, a Phi Sig is probably there! Our accomplishments and activities throughout the years has helped strengthen our sisterhood as we share special memories and have an amazing college experience as members of Phi Sigma Sigma. Our chapter looks forward to having another incredible year as we continue our traditions and look forward to new events.

For more information about our upcoming events please contact Jillian Maffucci at jmaffucci@nova.edu. You can also visit our national website at phisigasigma.org or our local website at www.nsaphisig.com.

Sigma Delta Tau (SDT) is a national sorority that was founded at Cornell University on March 25, 1917. The Delta Iota Chapter of Sigma Delta Tau was founded at NSU on November 16, 2006. There were 16 founding sisters who worked diligently to help SDT flourish on NSU's growing campus. Currently, we are a small, but growing chapter consisting of 12 active members.

SDT's mission is to enrich the college experience of women of similar ideals, to build lasting friendships and to foster personal growth. Sigma Delta Tau encourages each member to reach her fullest potential by providing intellectual, philanthropic, leadership, and social opportunities within the framework of mutual respect and high ethical standards.

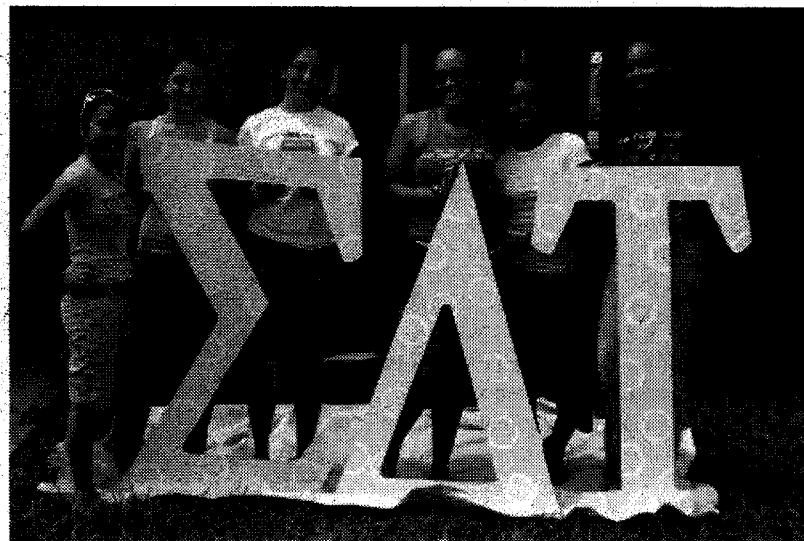
SDT has two philanthropic partners. We

work with Prevent Child Abuse America and Jewish Women International to help raise awareness and money to donate to these two organizations. This past year, we held our inaugural Sigma Delta Tau Benefit Concert to raise awareness about child abuse and money to be donated to Prevent Child Abuse America. This concert was free for the community and all the money raised was thanks to the generosity of the NSU community. We also work with Jewish Women International by selling mother's day cards in order to raise money so that flowers may be purchased and delivered to mothers in need on Mother's Day.

The ladies of the Delta Iota Chapter of SDT pride themselves in being involved in all aspects of the NSU campus. Our sisters represent a variety of majors and are involved in numerous clubs and sports

such as Theatre Arts, Order of Omega and the Rowing Team, just to name a few. Our sisters also maintain the highest cumulative GPA within the Greek Community. Most of our members not only hold Executive Board positions within the chapter, but also in other organizations on campus. SDT lives up to its mission with all the accomplishments its members have achieved over the past two years.

SDT continues to grow and each of its members are working to see it thrive and grow into an even more successful organization. We have big plans this upcoming school year. We hope to see fresh and smiling faces at the sorority recruitment events during the first few weeks of school. Keep a lookout!



I Chose Division II

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor



Division II

It is not uncommon for high school athletes to toss and turn in what becomes a sleepless night pondering which college or university they will choose to attend for the next four years of their lives. One major consideration is often the school's status; for example, Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and Junior College. From an outsider's perspective, there is definitely a certain prestige that comes with playing for a Division I institution. However, the concern of the prospective student should be centered on what each school has to offer for that particular individual and what it is they are ultimately trying to get out of their time spent there. The answers to these questions will help an athlete choose one institution over the other regardless of their division.

NSU is a Division II program. As stated on the NCAA Division II Web site, "Division II is committed to developing students and communities by actively engaging in shared experiences. Through community engagements, we can direct the energy and spirit of winning student-athletes to positively change society as they change themselves."

Division II's members have stated their

philosophy to be that a well conducted intercollegiate athletics program is run upon a solid educational system based on principles which stress the student-athletes' academic welfare. After all, obtaining higher education has long lasting importance which cannot be refunded. This, in addition to participating in upper-level athletic competition, will help in developing a well-rounded individual within the community.

Still, why choose Division II? Many student-athletes have chosen NSU due to its sense of balance. Not only is their athletic success of importance, but the emphasis placed on their excellence in the classroom is heavily stressed as well. Both NSU's Athletic Department and class professors communicate with the students and each other to work together in making sure that academics always come first.

Division II's main goal is not just to aid a young man or woman in the classroom or within their sport. Upon incorporating athletics, academics and community involvement, Division II members hope to graduate student-athletes with an assortment of skills and knowledge for the long road ahead.

Sharks Hall of Fame

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

NSU formed its first ever Hall of Fame Committee in accordance to the institution's 25th Anniversary of NSU Athletics in the spring of 2007. The stunning display just inside the front doors of the University Center was put together courtesy of the Sports Information and Athletics Departments to honor NSU's student-athletic alumni, previous coaches, and supporters of the NSU athletic community.

A few of the 12 committee members responsible for the Inaugural NSU Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2007 include the following much respected coaches and staff members here at NSU: Associate Director of Athletics Communications and External Operations Robert Proir, Head Men's Basketball Coach Gary Tuell, Associate Professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Faculty Athletic Representative Mark Cavanaugh and NSU's Director of Athletics Michael Mominey.

In order to be inducted into the Shark's Hall of Fame, one must meet certain criteria put together by the committee. A student-athlete is accepted on the grounds that he/she has excelled in one or more varsity sports here at NSU, left NSU on good terms and accomplished outstanding athletic achievements during their time as a student-athlete. A coach's nomination is determined by his/her exceptional coaching ability over a minimum of five years' time, along with having pushed his/her team to extraordinary heights during throughout seasons participated in. Each candidate is then voted upon. Those nominees receiving two to five top scores from the committee will then be inducted to the Hall of Fame for that particular year. A full list of the Hall of Fame criteria can be found on the NSU athletics Web site: <http://nsuathletics.nova.edu/halloffame>.



Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor



The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is an organization put together by NSU's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in unity with NCAA guidelines. This club is composed of the Coordinator of Athletic Academic Services, Chaunte Baldwin and student-athletes whom have been selectively chosen to represent their respective teams.

The association's main goal is to encourage efficient communication amidst student-athletes and their Athletic Department in order to ensure that needs and desires are being met to the best of each party's ability. In addition to this, SAAC wishes to promote a better connection between NSU's student-athletes and the campus community by putting together fun filled events. By doing so, SAAC hopes to increase awareness of good health, responsibility, social skills and the importance of striving for academic excellence.

Sharks CHAMPS/Life Skills

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU's Athletic Department is making efforts now more than ever to promote its student-athlete's level of participation in regards to supporting their fellow teams.

In doing so, with help of Compliance Coordinator and CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, Reyna A. Gilbert, NSU's Athletic Department has established the "Shark Challenge."

"The Shark Challenge is a department wide game that is played by all teams," said Gilbert. "It effectively encompasses the five CHAMPS/Life Skills commitment areas while having fun in a positive and competitive environment."

The Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success (CHAMPS)/Life Skills Program was developed in 1991 by the NCAA Foundation developed with the intent of generating a social developmental program for student-athletes.

The five commitment areas Gilbert refers to are academic excellence, personal development, career development, service and athletic excellence.

Each year, 40 teams are selected by the NCAA to join the CHAMP/Life Skills

program. In 2005, NSU was accepted to join the program amongst the other 581 Division I, II, and III schools nationwide.

"Teams can earn points in the following categories: Scholarly Success, Athletic Enhancement, Professional Development, Community Outreach, Personal Enhancement, Athletes Supporting Athletes and Above and Beyond" said Gilbert.

In order to accumulate points, athletic teams must do their part in getting involved. Coaches are given agendas which list upcoming affairs, seminars, volunteer opportunities and other scheduled events – each of which are worth points. From there, coaches are expected to inform their athletes and encourage their athletes to participate. Points are generally kept track by a CHAMPS/Life Skills representative from each team and turned over to Gilbert at the first of each month.

Athletes from NSU's softball team have won the SHARK Challenge for two consecutive years now, both in 2007 and 2008. The women have been acknowledged at the Student-Athletic Banquet and awarded with a framed certificate.



NSU Recreational Intramural Sports

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU's Office of Campus Recreation has worked hard in order to make an assortment of enjoyable and appealing sport opportunities available to its community over the years. Campus Recreation's goal is to "establish fun and inviting playing environments for all skill levels." In order to reach this goal, Campus Recreation has structured leagues and tournaments which are made available to both men and women as well as co-recreational teams.

In addition to this, Campus Recreation has dedicated time to putting together fun and motivating events and programs. One of the best examples of this would be the "Biggest Loser Competition." This competition, modeled after the popular show, *The Biggest Loser*, was created in order to aid large groups of people to lose weight thus improving their health while having fun and making new friends with their supportive teammates.



ATHLETICS



2008 VOLLEYBALL HOME SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
August 29	Alderson-Broadus College	UC ARENA	3 p.m.
August 29	Southwest Minnesota State	UC ARENA	7 p.m.
August 30	California University (PA.)	UC ARENA	12 p.m.
August 30	University of P.R.-Rio Piedras	UC ARENA	3 p.m.
September 30	Florida Tech	UC ARENA	7 p.m.
October 10	Palm Beach Atlantic	UC ARENA	7 p.m.
October 11	Rollins College	UC ARENA	4 p.m.
October 21	Barry University	UC ARENA	7 p.m.
October 31	Eckerd College	UC ARENA	7 p.m.
November 1	University of Tampa	UC ARENA	4 p.m.
November 7	Florida Southern College	UC ARENA	7 p.m.
November 8	St. Leo University	UC ARENA	4 p.m.
November 11	Lynn University	UC ARENA	7 p.m.

2008 MEN'S SOCCER HOME SCHEDULE

September 5	Warner Southern	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
September 7	Lake Erie College	NSU Soccer Complex	11:30a.m.
September 19	St. Thomas University	NSU Soccer Complex	6 p.m.
September 27	Thomas University	NSU Soccer Complex	8 p.m.
October 4	Lynn University	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
October 8	Barry University	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
October 11	Palm Beach Atlantic	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
October 15	North Georgia College & State	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
October 22	Eckerd College	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
October 25	Florida Tech	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.

2008 WOMEN'S SOCCER HOME SCHEDULE

September 12	Palm Beach Atlantic	NSU Soccer Complex	6 p.m.
September 14	Lynn University	NSU Soccer Complex	6 p.m.
September 24	Barry University	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
September 27	Thomas University	NSU Soccer Complex	6 p.m.
October 3	Flagler College	NSU Soccer Complex	7 p.m.
October 8	Florida Tech	NSU Soccer Complex	6 p.m.
October 21	Eckerd College	NSU Soccer Complex	6 p.m.
October 25	Northwood University	NSU Soccer Complex	5 p.m.

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Shark Strength and Conditioning Program

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

Many would agree that there is one coach within the Athletic Department who stands out amongst many: the NSU Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Coach Rene Pena, known among the Sharks' athletic world as "Coach P."

Coming from a Division I background, Pena joined the Sharks family in 2006 and has just closed out his second year here at NSU along with his two Graduate Assistants (GAs), Jennifer Daratany and Cameron Yearsley, more commonly known as Jen and Cam.

Upon taking on the demanding position of Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Pena intends on sharing as much of his knowledge and experience as possible to do what he can in helping to build a more effective and successful athletic program.

Arriving to the University Center (UC) at 5:15 a.m. Monday through Friday for the sake of fitting in workout schedules for each and every team here at NSU, Pena, Daratany and Yearsley spend nearly 15 hours a day on the clock. Whether it is training a team in the weight room or taking them onto the UC gym floor to practice proper running technique, Pena and his staff are extremely invested in the success of their athletes.

In addition to the hours Pena puts in during a regular work week, he often travels with teams when requested to do so as well.

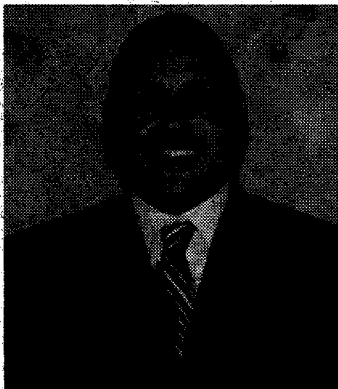
"Traveling with the teams allows me to better evaluate their performance when in competition mode," says Pena. "Not only does it let me see the ways we have improved, but I can pin-point the areas we need where we need to work."

Almost every sport has seen drastic improvement since Pena joined the Shark family. Many of NSU's student-athletes and coaches believe that much of their

success has come from the hours of hard work they have put into the Strength and Conditioning Program designed by Pena and his staff. In 2007-08, the women's rowing team, volleyball team and basketball team's have all won SSC championships while the softball team has recorded its best season in program history.

"Coach P has helped me a great deal," said Nate

Dunbar, junior soccer player. "I stayed in Florida this past summer instead of going home to Connecticut and he trained with me multiple times a week to help me improve my speed and strength for soccer. He has greatly impacted all the aspects of my game and has boosted my confidence on the field. Coach P has become more than just a strength and conditioning coach to our team. He has become part of the team and we respect him greatly for all of his time and efforts."



Shark Cheerleading

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

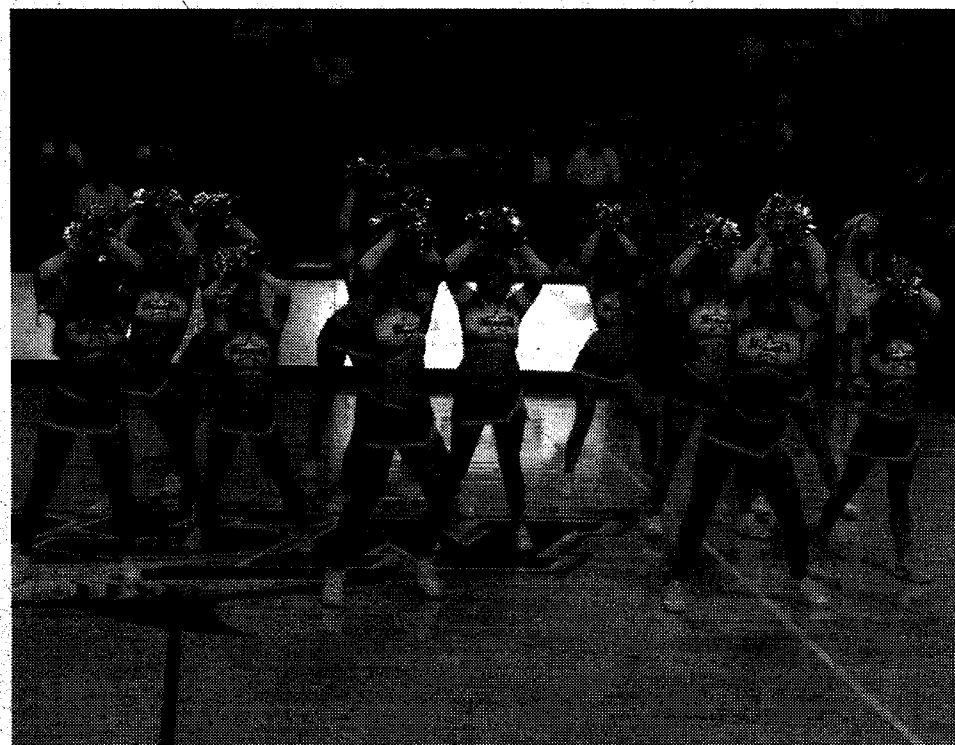
NSU's cheerleading squad is currently an all girl team who add spunk, spirit and excitement to both men's and women's basketball teams throughout their winter season, as well as participating in events on and off campus.

All freshman/transfer students are offered academic support, a strength and conditioning coach, locker room, practice clothes and shoes along with a uniform. Cheerleaders are also required to attend a study hall.

NSU cheerleaders perform elite leaping

and tumbling when competing at the UCA College Nationals in the month of January each year. While at basketball games, dancing is included in most routines for time outs on the court. To add to the excitement, NSU's squad competes at NCAA Nationals as well.

The cheerleaders and Head Coach CA Tolchinsky are always interested in adding new talent to the team and urge anyone interested to try out. For more information, contact Coach Tolchinsky at 954-262-8251 or nardiell@nova.edu.



Women's Volleyball Post-Season Performance

Tim Coenraad
Staff writer

The NSU women's volleyball team (26-10) experienced their first ever post-season win against Wingate University's Bulldogs on Nov. 15 in Tampa, putting the Bulldogs 24 game winning streak to an end. Upon competing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, NSU's thrilling volleyball season regrettably came to a close as the Sharks fell to the nation's # 14 Moccasins of Florida Southern.

In their first ever post-season match the Sharks faced what seemed to be an unstoppable team from Wingate University, dropping just one match throughout their entire season. Early on in the match, the Bulldogs lived up to their impressive record as they took the first game 30-24.

Despite the Sharks' loss in game one, it allowed NSU to work out the nerves which are expected to accompany a team's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Once settled, NSU was able to take game two 30-27 courtesy of five kills from each junior Melinda Gorman, sophomore Aley Tallman and freshman Paola Ruiz.

NSU's solid defense forced Wingate's hit percentage to .051 as the Sharks dictated play throughout game three never trailing, taking the win by a score of 30-24. Tallman led NSU in game three with four kills.

A decisive 8-1 Shark run in the middle of game four allowed for NSU to coast to a 30-21 victory sealing their first ever post-season win in program history. NSU hit a match high .371 for game four, and Tallman continued her impressive play with six kills for the game.

Tallman led NSU with an outstanding 18 kills and a .500 hit percentage for the match, Gorman followed with 13 kills while junior

Valia Pertova fell just shy of her third triple-double of the season with 49 assists, 18 digs and 9 kills.

In the Shark's second post-season appearance, NSU sadly fell to conference foes Florida Southern 3-1. The 14th nationally ranked team overcame the Sharks early on, taking the first two games 30-19 and 30-14.

Nevertheless, the Sharks upheld their

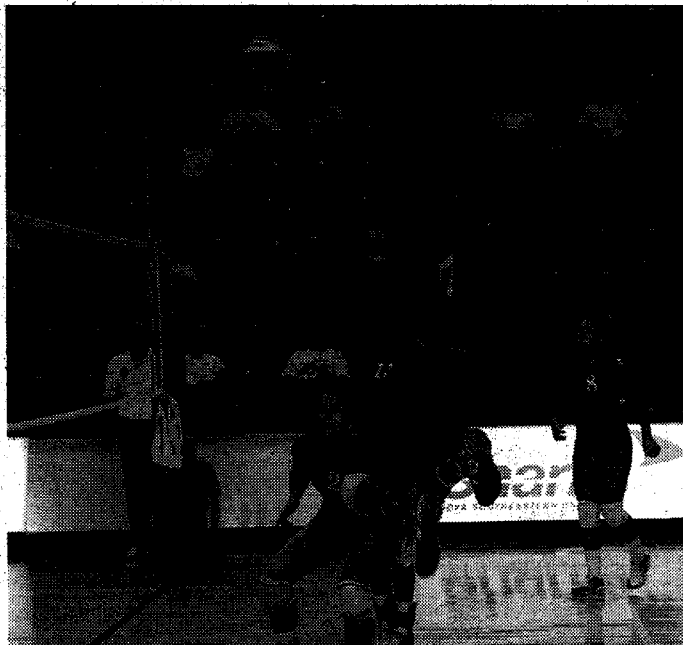
win-loss percentage, most consecutive wins, longest home winning streak, longest games winning streak, most consecutive sweeps while marking their highest finish within the Sunshine State Conference.

In addition to their impressive winning season, NSU broke several statistical records in the following categories: kills, attacks, hitting percentage, assists, aces, digs and total blocks.

Head Coach Steve Wilcosky was appropriately named SSC Coach of the Year as he took the Sharks from being selected eighth in the conference to their first ever NCAA Tournament berth. Wilcosky is also the first coach in NSU history to help lead a volleyball athlete to being named SSC Player of the Week, honors distributed to both Gorman and Petrova earlier in the season. Gorman was also selected to the All-SSC Second Team while fellow teammate Petrova received an honorable mention in light of her stellar performance throughout the season. On top of this, Petrova and Gorman were labeled as All-South Region performers according to the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

More recently, Tallman was named to the NCAA All-Tournament South Region Team due to her more than impressive displays of both offense and defense in both the Sharks post-season games where she tallied a total of 31 kills in just two matches.

Congratulations to both the NSU Women's Volleyball team along with Head Coach Wilcosky and Assistant Coach Piantadosi for giving Nova Southeastern University its best Volleyball season on record.



pride with a third game victory by a score of 30-26; however the Sharks were unable to take the match to a fifth game falling 30-28 in the fourth and final game of the season.

Tallman once again led the Sharks with 13 kills followed by Gorman with 11 and junior Christina Chubb added 10 kills of her own.

The Sharks record breaking season came with several team and individual accomplishments throughout the year. NSU attained the most wins in program history for a single-season to go along with the best

Men's Soccer

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU men's soccer team is coming off of a record season where they posted an 11-5-1 record, at one point being ranked second in the nation for all of NCAA division II, the highest ranking for an NSU soccer team in school history.

The Sharks were led by sophomore sensation Romain Onteniente who took the competition by storm by scoring 18 goals during the season along with six assists and 42 points.

Onteniente's efforts over the season saw him named as the SSC Player of the Year and inducted to the All-SSC First Team along with freshman teammate Aly Hassan, who put away 10 goals and five assists for the season. Onteniente's accolades continued into the post season as he was named to the Daktronics All-South Region Team. In addition to this, Onteniente was named the team's Most Valuable Player along with NSU's Male Athlete of the Year while Christian Benitez was given the Coaches Award.

With the Sharks freshman captain Craig Heenighan returning alongside Hassan and Onteniente, and the team only graduating two seniors in goalie Jarod Rennie and midfielder Jonathon Mammarelli, the future looks extremely bright for the NSU Sharks.



Women's Soccer Season in Review

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

For the second straight season, the NSU women's soccer team has been showered with success during their 2007 season. With an 11-4-2 record the Sharks were once ranked 10th in the nation and were selected to their second straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

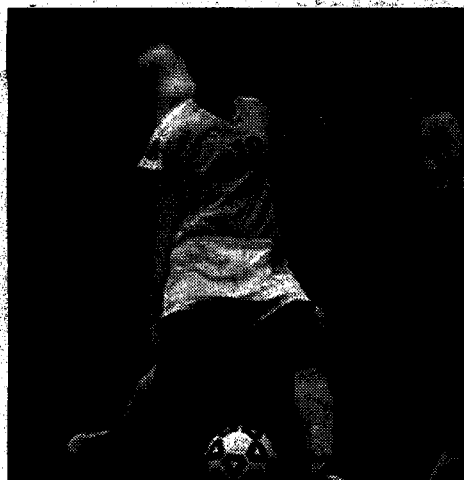
Freshman Lauren Prow had an impressive first season as she tallied nine goals (third SSC), seven assists (eighth SSC) and 25 points (fifth SSC) on her way to becoming the first ever women's soccer player to be named the SSC Freshman of the Year. She was also selected to the All-SSC Second Team.

Two time Defensive Player of the Week, senior Jennifer Turner, was selected to the All-SSC First Team becoming the first ever NSU women's soccer defender to be honored with the selection. Turner was the backbone of the Sharks' defense and let in the fewest goals in the conference with opponents only scoring .69 goals per contest.

Also named to the All-SSC Second Team were juniors Stephanie Quinones and Shurell Burton. Burton was also named the teams Most Valuable Player notching up seven goals and a team high of eight assists.

Senior Jahmila Williams, a one time SSC Defensive Player of the Week, was dubbed with the NSU Sportsmanship Award as well as the Coaches Award for her talent and dedication to NSU Soccer.

The Sharks are graduating four seniors this season, so with a strong nucleus returning for the 2008 season, NSU looks forward to another exiting women's soccer season.



Women's Tennis Finishes Fourth in SSC

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

The Sharks' #12 nationally ranked tennis team concluded its 2008 season with a 14-8 overall record, placing them in the fourth place slot in the SSC and fourth in the region.

Junior Ulla Talalenko had a breakout season in the spring of 2008 as she, alongside senior doubles partner Alexa Korolkevich, led the doubles competition for the Sharks, regionally ranking themselves at fourth. Talalenko also led the Sharks in singles play, running herself at number one. As a result of Talalenko's outstanding performance on the court which resulted in an individual record of 11-1, she was named to the first team All-Sunshine State Conference.

Talalenko was deservedly named the team's most valuable player at the end of the year while fellow senior teammate Edina Kulichova was the proud recipient of the Coaches Award.

Baseball Finish 31-21

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU baseball team recorded one of its best seasons as of late finishing the 2008 season with a 31-21 record including 14-8 in Sunshine State Conference play, giving the Sharks a strong third place finish in the conference.

Before the commencement of the regular season, seniors Matt Mindick and Bryan Cook were selected for the pre-season All-American Team by the Collegiate Baseball Magazine. From this point on the Sharks never dropped more than three games in a row while building an impressive six game winning streak in the middle of their season.

Cook kept the Shark's name alive in the SSC, being named a Player of the Week for the week ending April 14 coupled with his inspired play throughout the entire season, leading the Sharks with a soaring .418 batting average while amassing 48 RBIs and 17 homeruns. Cook's outstanding performance earned him the honor of being named the SSC Player of the Year as well as his unanimous addition to the All-SSC First Team.

Senior Rudy Garcia became the first Shark to receive SSC honors in the spring, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week for his exceptional performance on the mound the week ending Apr. 7. Garcia held a remarkable 8-2 win-loss record over

the season with a 4.22 ERA, giving him the privilege to join Cook on the All-SSC First Team.

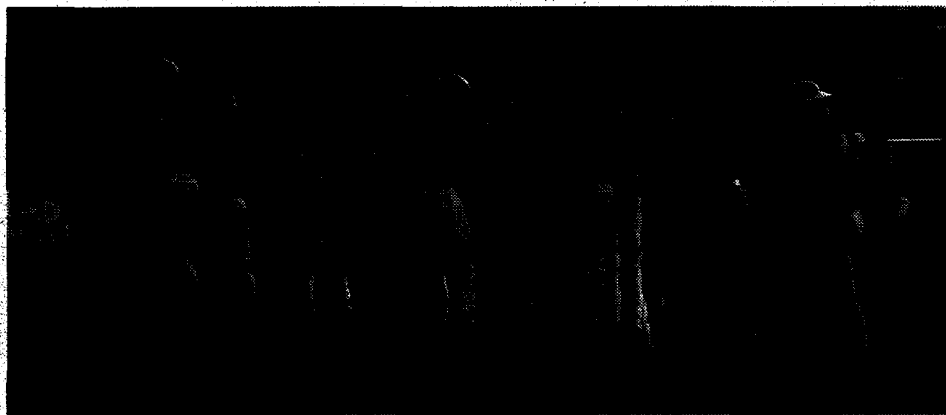
Sophomore J.D. Martinez was last but certainly not least to be named SSC Player of the Week on Apr. 28 while capping his second year as a Shark on a terrific note as he registered a .370 batting average, 54 runs scored and a team high 56 RBI's. Martinez was also named to the All-SSC First Team for his efforts this 2008 season.

The last NSU addition to the All-SSC First Team was senior Cory Clark who completed his last season with an impressive .385 batting average, 16 RBI's and scored 30 runs over the season.

Five Sharks were also named to the Daktronics All-South Region Baseball Teams with Cook making the first team and teammates Garcia, Clark, Martinez and senior Nick Carris making the second team.

Garcia was named the team's most valuable player while naturally Cook was granted the honor of the coaches award along with the prestigious NSU-Scholar Athlete Award.

The 2009 season looks to be an exiting campaign for the NSU baseball team as a lot of fresh faces will be gracing the team due to the graduation of nine seniors.



Men's and Women's Cross Country

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU women's 2007 cross country season came to a close with a 12th place finish at the NCAA Division II Regional Meet held at Huntsville, Ala. on Nov. 4 after finishing third at the SSC Conference Championships.

Sophomore Tara Haddock had a breakout season for the Sharks leading them in six of their seven total races for the year, earning herself the honor of SSC Runner of the Week for the week ending on Oct. 14.

The NSU men's cross country team capped their 2007 season with a seventh place overall finish at the NCAA Division II Regional Meet in Huntsville, Ala. on Nov. 11 after placing third in the SSC Conference Championships.

For the season, the standout runner for the Sharks was junior Eskender Abdalla. Abdalla was named SSC Male Runner of the Year after a stellar year with five top 10 finishes in the Sharks' six races this season.

Abdalla became the first SSC runner to receive four Runner of the Week awards, the fourth of which came after a ninth place

finish out of a field of 137 runners, which lead to the Sharks' third place finish overall. In addition to his accomplishments during the 2007 season, Abdalla was declared the SSC Male Runner of the Year, the first in NSU's program history.

Both the men's and women's team are not only known for their athletic skills but for their academic excellence as well. The NSU Athletic Department awarded the teams the J.A.W.S. award at the end of the year athletic banquet in light of their academic achievement. In addition to this, Abdalla along with fellow senior teammate Aaron Kolterjahn as well as seniors Heather Sternau and Stefi Cevallos were all named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team for maintaining a 3.25 GPA over the academic year while maintaining strong track records.

For the women's team Haddock was awarded the team's most valuable runner while Abdalla took home the honor for the men's team. Coaches awards were distributed to both freshman John Besharat and senior Chelsea Gilbert.



Shark Softball Posts Best Season in Program History

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor



NSU's softball team (43-20, 12-9 SSC) ended their spectacular 2008 season on a sad note on April 26 after being swept for the first time all year by St. Leo University. Unfortunately, this crushed the Sharks hopes for moving forward into the NCAA Regional Tournament for the very first time.

The Sharks were able to see the brighter side of things despite the abrupt ending of what was an extremely exciting year of softball for NSU. The Sharks made history in a number of ways in 2008, setting a new record for most ever wins in a single season (43) and breaking the record for most consecutive victories (12). In addition to this, not only did NSU defy the odds put up against them by placing fifth in the SSC – their best finish in program history – but they were able to prove the pre-season polls, which ranked them at seventh, to be highly mistaken.

Freshman standouts, starting pitcher Lexi Sarraet and speedster Rachel Talenfeld along with senior powerhouse Ashley Baker led the way for the Sharks this season with their tremendous performance on the field.

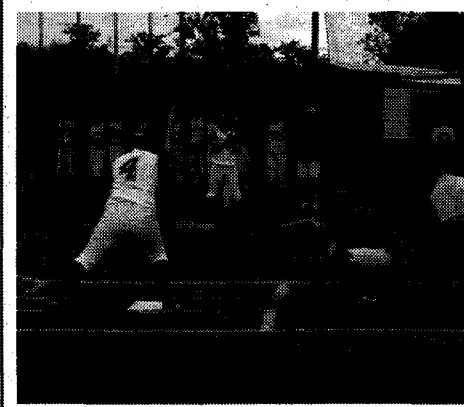
Ending her career with a .386 batting average, Baker was the backbone of the Sharks offense, leading in every single category. Baker tallied up seven home runs to go along with 38 RBIs. As expected, she was chosen as a member of the First Team All-SSC team. Alongside Baker was fellow sophomore teammate, Noemi Luciani who earned a .310 batting average.

Talenfeld made a name for herself early on. Being virtually untouchable on the base paths, she set an NSU record with 35 steals for the 2008 season.

Sarraet held the Sharks together while on the mound, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on April 14. Sarraet was the key to the Sharks' defense with 36 appearances and a grand total of 181 innings pitched while maintaining the lowest ERA on the team of 1.47.

Sophomore Dani Caron had a wonderful season as well, being named SSC Pitcher of the Week on March 17. Caron finished the season off with a solid win-loss record of 14-9.

Additionally, Baker was named NFCA All-Region, while Talenfeld and Sarraet were selected to the Daktronics All-Region team.



Men's Basketball Season Recap

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

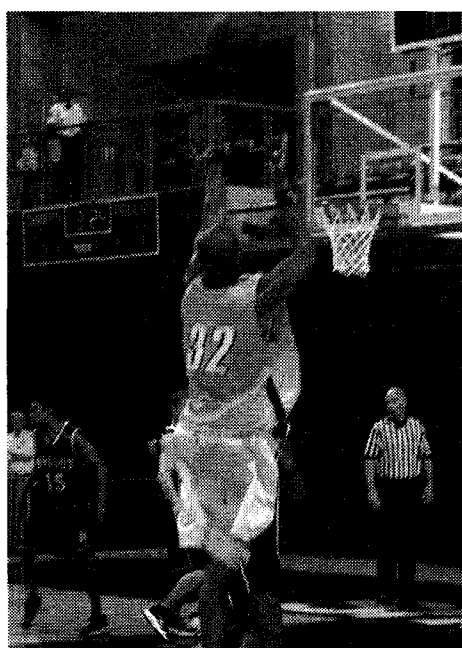
The NSU men's basketball team concluded its 2007-08 season with an overall record of 10-18 and 5-11 with the SSC placing the Sharks at eighth in regular season conference play.

Junior Tim Coenraad stood out amongst the rest as he earned himself back-to-back SSC Player of the Week honors as a result of exemplarily performance all season long in the classroom, as well as on the basketball court. Coenraad not only led the Sharks in scoring at 17.8 points averaged per game but he led the team in nearly every category including assists, steals and rebounds while posting six double-doubles and surpassing the 1,000 point marker posting 1,105 points thus far in his career. In commemoration of his efforts on the court and in the classroom with a 3.4 GPA, Coenraad was named to the *COSIDA/ESPN Magazine Academic All-District Team*. Upon achieving new heights

as a junior, such as setting career highs in both the points and assists columns at 34 and 13, respectively, Coenraad was named to the All Sunshine State Conference Men's Basketball Second Team, the Daktronics All-South Region Second Team and the First Team All-South Region. Coenraad was additionally heavily honored at the Student Life Achievement Awards Banquet by being granted the award for Male Athlete of the Year.

The Sharks had to say goodbye to three beloved senior teammates, four year players Jason Del Calvo and Oresti Nitsios along with transfer Kevin Chester.

Chester was the proud recipient of the Coaches Award along with being honored by the athletic department with the NSU Sportsmanship award while Coenraad received the Most Valuable Player recognition.



NSU Women's Basketball SSC Champs

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The 2007-08 season marked the best season on record for the NSU women's basketball team. The team's many accomplishments this year include achieving their first ever 20 win season, a first-ever regular season championship, a first-ever conference tournament championship, a first-ever bid to the NCAA tournament in the program's history and the distinction as third-most improved team in Division II.

Returning to the team next season will be sophomore standout Stephanie Sarosi, who led the Sharks to the SSC Tournament Championship as she was named to the All-Tournament Team and was dubbed the most outstanding player of the tournament. Sarosi also had the distinction of being named the SSC Player of the Year, becoming the unanimous choice for the All-SSC First Team and becoming a Daktronics All-South Region Team member. Sarosi led the conference in scoring with 19.1 points per game, was second in blocks with 3.3 a game and third in rebounds with 9.8 a game as well as shooting an amazing 58 percent from the field.

A great pick-up for the Sharks last season was freshman Abbie Tepe, who solidified her spot as the starting point guard for NSU by breaking the school record for assists with 123 last season. Tepe joined

Sarosi on the All-Tournament Team for her contribution in the SSC Tournament Championship. This stunning feat landed her on the SSC All-Freshman Team and NSU will be excited to see Tepe add to her assist record next season.

Another returner and solid contributor to the Sharks' success is junior Eliza Allen, who averaged 10.2 points per game, 4.1 rebounds per game and dished out 110 assists last season. Allen certainly left her mark on the SSC as a terrific perimeter shooter, shooting 37 percent from behind the arc in 151 attempts.

The Sharks will be hunting for more success this year as they will be receiving two red-shirt players from last season. The 6' 1" junior Katie Koestner and the 6' freshman Meloney Fosburgh will look to make an immediate impact after spending the whole last season on the sidelines.

As expected Sarosi was named the team's Most Valuable Player as well as NSU's Female Athlete of the Year, while Tepe took home the coaches award.

Last season, the NSU women's basketball team consisted of seniors Ashley Wilson, Christine Haber, Brittney Green and Amber Bishko, who was named to the SSC All-Tournament Team



NSU Rowing SSC Champs for Second Year Running

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer



NSU's crew team had another top notch season as they snatched their second consecutive SSC Championship, a first for rowing in NSU history. The rowing team is also regionally ranked at #1 and is currently preparing for its fourth consecutive appearance at the NCAA National Championship.

In honor of the Sharks sensational season on the water, Head Coach John Gartin was named SSC Coach of the Year for his outstanding coaching skills geared toward the Varsity 8+, which was named Boat of the Year for the second year running. Varsity 8+ senior stroke seat Monica Henderson was also named Rower of the Year and selected for the All-SSC Rowing Team alongside fellow teammates junior Rachel Garbaj, Cindy Fong and coxswain Ashley Archibald and freshman Chloe Willis.

All-Freshman team honors were distributed to bow pair Samantha Moriarty and Kara Coffey

Henderson was named the team's Most Valuable Rower while fellow senior Marilite Vasquez-Gonzalez received the Coaches Award. Senior Miglena Dzhupanova proudly received the 2008-NSU Scholar Athlete Award.

Men's Golf Going Strong

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer



Once again, the NSU men's golf team has undergone yet another stellar year, finishing the 2008 season with a third place finish at the SSC Championships and a second place finish at the South Region Tournament qualifying them for the NCAA National Tournament where they ended their season posting a very respectable fifth place finish.

Junior Constantin Schwierz has had a breakout season, being named SSC Men's Golfer of the Week on two separate occasions on his way to an All-SSC First Team selection with teammates sophomore Byron White and senior Greg O'Mahony. Schwierz also finished in third place individually at the South Regional Tournament with a magnificent performance.

O'Mahony finished his strong 2008 season in style with a first place finish at the SSC Championships as well as a 15th place finish at the South Regional Tournament and 20th place finish at the National Championships where he shot an impressive five under par 65 in the last round of play.

O'Mahony was also named the teams Most Valuable Player at NSU's Athletic Banquet with Schwierz earning the Coaches Award.

The men's golf team, consisting of Schwierz, O'Mahony, sophomore Byron White and freshmen Diego Lobo and Michael Moore performed beautifully throughout their 2008 campaign and with only O'Mahony graduating from the fifth best team in the nation, we can expect great things from our Sharks in 2009.

Women's Golf Second in the Nation

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The women's golf team has soaked themselves in success this past 2008 season, bringing in a number of honors and accolades both individually and as a team. The Sharks brought home their first-ever SSC Championship, their first-ever NCAA South Region Tournament Championship and finished as the second best team in the nation at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Individually, freshman standout Sandra Changkija was named the SSC's Freshman of the Year after capturing the overall individual title at the SSC Championships by shooting a three-round 221 (69-76-76). In addition to this, Changkija put together eight top 10 finishes and was named to the All-SSC Second Team alongside fellow Shark and former Freshman and Division II Player of the Year, Maria Garcia Austt - who landed an All-SSC First Team selection.

Changkija was also honored with the PING/NCGA Division II Player of the Year as well as NCGA Freshman of the Year after her breath-taking performance at the NCAA


South Region Tournament where she took the individual title, carding a final score of 223. Changkija was accompanied by Austt on the Duramed FUTURES Tour NCGA Division II All-American First Team.

Head Coach of the Sharks, Kevin Marsh, was deservedly named the SSC Coach of the Year after leading his team to three tournament victories and four second place finishes en route to having the team named the top seed in the NCAA Division II South Region.

Changkija was named the team's Most Valuable Player while senior Elizabeth Bond was given the Coaches Award.

The outstanding NSU women's golf team consisted of Changkija and Austt along with freshmen Fredrika Hakansson, Nicole Whitmore and Taylor Collins who all contributed strong performances. The strength of the NSU women's golf team is their young talent as all five golfers will be returning next year with the eldest being only a junior.




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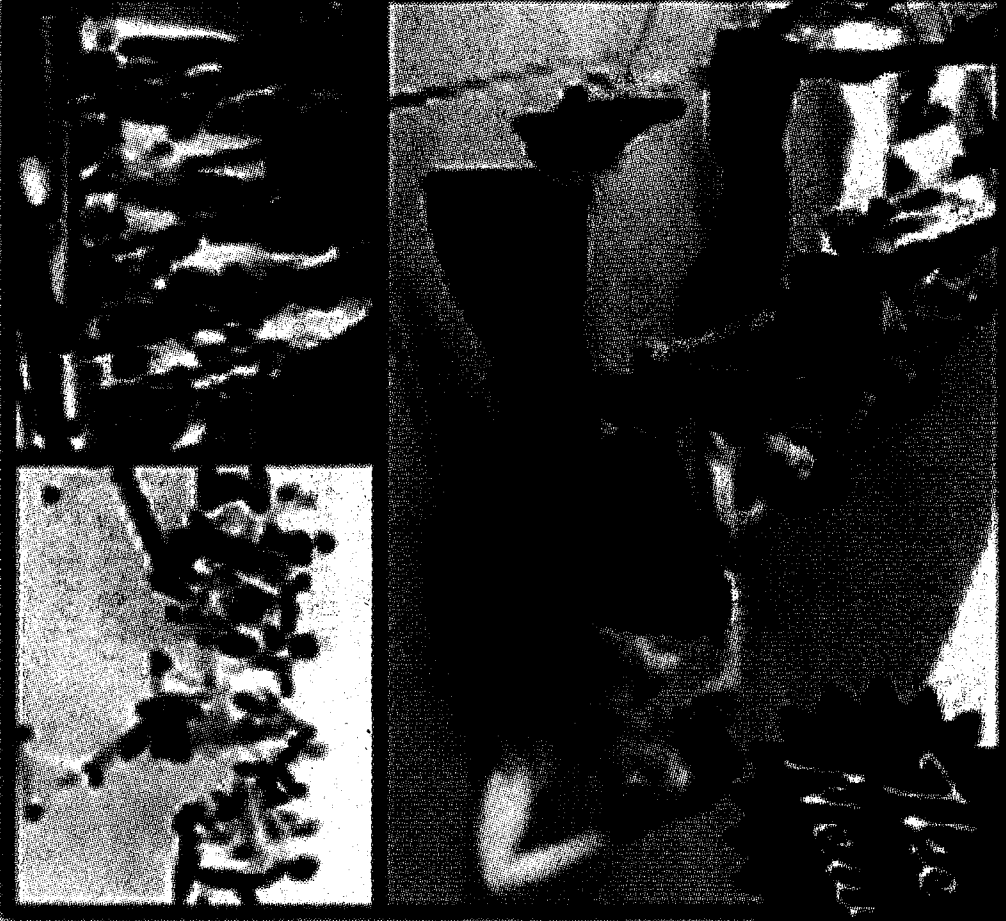
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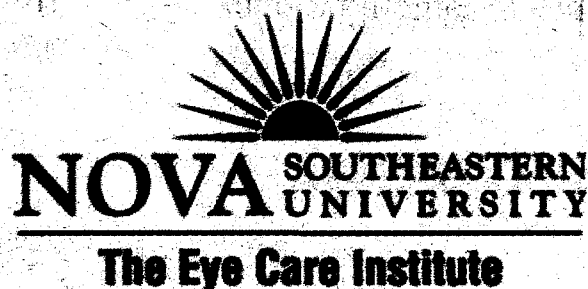
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